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November 1993

**History Makers:**  
Mondale and Carter  
Reunite at Macalester



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## Jim Smail's good name

The following letter from Matthew Friedman was sent to a friend and is used here with their permission. — the Editors

Each time I would read about favorite professors in *Mac Today*, I would think of my two favorites, Jim Spradley and Jim Smail. Each served as my adviser and they exhibited many of the same qualities. They were caring people and true teachers. They lived their values and were true role models to their students.

Jim Smail was a bit of a hero to his students. Although he challenged us and had very high standards, we found ourselves drawn into the subjects we studied with him. Topics that had the potential to be dreadfully boring were fun. I remember teasing him one time that he had missed his calling as a stage performer. He responded that stage performers had it easy! He had an audience that expected to be entertained too, but the material was a lot tougher. Often when we would study we would re-enact his lecture hall theatrics, partly in jest, but in reality we were learning something. To this day I still use the knowledge I learned in his classes. (It's hard to explain, but even rabbis can make use of scientific knowledge.)

Outside of the classroom he was also sought after. He was one of the most popular advisers of any of the science departments. A lot of the time we sought advice about life as much as we did about academics. We found wise counsel about both.

During my junior year in the fall of '78, I had eye surgery for a detached retina. I missed several weeks of class. I was also far from home and recovering from an operation whose final results wouldn't be known

for a while. Jim was right there as a friend, one who sorted through the academic red tape, and a "dad." I'll always remember Thanksgiving that year. We spent it together at Sandy Hill's house. Towards the end of the evening, Jim and I were the only ones at the table finishing a bottle of wine and laughing at stories.

In the Jewish tradition, there is no greater honor that one can aspire to than having "a good name." One can buy a great many things, but a good name results from what is in your heart and how you treat other people. Jim Smail was one who earned a good name. He is missed, but yet lives on in the minds of those who knew him.

(Rabbi) Matthew L. Friedman '80  
Hot Springs, Ark.

## Hildegard Johnson

The news of Dr. Hildegard Binder Johnson's death was a shock. She had a profound influence on me.

In 1960, I arrived at Macalester from Scotland to study geography with her, upon the recommendation of the reader of geography at the University of St. Andrews, even though at that time there was no major in geography. She challenged and encouraged me as a student, permitted me to do some primary research for her, let me give lectures in a course during my final year — and gave me critical comments in the privacy of her office afterwards. She had me hired to share the teaching responsibilities with her for the two-week geography section of the Macalester African Women's Institute in the summer of 1964, immediately after my graduation.

She seemed genuinely pleased, perhaps proud, when I received the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in geography and when, over the years, I published various books and articles. When my doctoral dissertation was published by the University of Chicago, it gave me great pleasure to thank her; I listed her name after those of my parents and before the names of others.

We saw each other at many professional conferences over the years and we wrote to each other quite often. Our last exchange of letters occurred just prior to her death. I am so grateful for that last interchange, when each of us shared some final thoughts.

Professor Johnson lives on in the hearts of many people, I am sure, and most certainly in mine.

David B. Knight '64  
Elora, Ontario, Canada

## Fritz and Pete

I always enjoy receiving news about Macalester. The August issue of *Macalester Today* was extra special.

A note in "Macalester Yesterday" mentioned "Pete Mondale — not a name we've been able to trace." You must have heard from many people who know that Pete, Fritz's older brother, was at Mac before the future vice president.

After all these years, it is still fun to read about Fritz Mondale. Joan and Fritz are fine representatives of what Macalester has always been about.

A story on page 37 mentioned three delightful men I remember well — Roger Awsumb, Chris Wedes and John Gallos. I was in first-year Communications class with Chris Wedes. Miss Grace May was our teacher. I'll never forget her or Chris. John Gallos was the announcer for the Macalester Choir broadcasts on the Mutual Broadcasting Network coast to coast in the years immediately following World War II.

Another item which attracted me was about Dr. Turck. His world view was ahead of his time and his moral leadership was very special.

*Macalester Today* is a high-quality publication which is very helpful in keeping us abreast of the campus and giving us news of many friends from the past.

William L. Roberts '49  
Tucson, Ariz.

## Food for thought

One spring day in the Grille, I came across my ethics professor, David White, with his tossed salad. I asked to join him, and after wrestling a chair from someone, I sat with my favorite professor. David told me about his project for proving that "C=E." He was telling me about his belief that "Consciousness creates energy."

Over a salad, I was hearing of David's true passion, something I'd not heard in class. I had no idea that this lunch would stick in my memory. I didn't know I'd be regretting not having pulled up a chair with more professors at lunches.

The following is taken from an article by Bill Blakemore in Wesleyan's alumni magazine. The examples are from Claremont McKenna College's campus center, which Blakemore posited as a model for Wesleyan to promote cohesion. This model wouldn't be out of place at Mac either. Here are the basic points:



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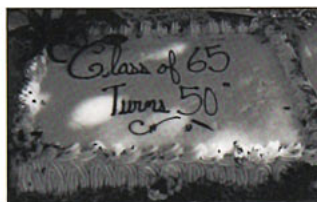
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## Second dean named in internationalism

Macalester has taken another step to strengthen its commitment to internationalism with President Gavin's appointment of Anne Sutherland to the newly created position of dean of international faculty development.

Sutherland, a professor of anthropology, will work closely with Ahmed I. Samatar, the new dean of international programs and director of the international studies program.

In addition, Sutherland has named Jeff Nash, professor of sociology, director of a new International Research Center, which is being established this fall in Carnegie Science Hall for use by both faculty and students.

"In keeping with the strategic plan, we are putting more emphasis on internationalism," said Provost Dan Hornbach.

"These two new positions are among the first concrete steps toward that goal. Anne is well known and respected on campus for her commitment to internationalism, her enthusiasm and her vitality. She will complement Dean Samatar, who will begin his duties in January. For the next three years, he will focus on the curriculum, international studies and the student-oriented parts of internationalism, while Anne concentrates on the faculty and institutional programs."

Sutherland joined the Macalester faculty in 1981. Her three-year appointment as dean of international faculty development is a half-time position. She will continue as chair of the Anthropology Department, at least for the 1993-94 academic year, and teach one course each semester.

Her specific duties as dean will be to:

- manage and budget for the International Research Center, international faculty programs and other programs;
- reorganize the Wallace speaker series to give it an international emphasis;
- work with academic departments and programs to locate candidates for the position of Humphrey Professor and international visiting Wallace professors;
- work generally with the faculty to develop international research and study opportunities for faculty members at universities around the world;

- work closely with Dean Samatar in the development of new international programs;

- work closely with the provost and other deans on faculty development.

Nash will continue as a full-time professor of sociology while directing the International Research Center on the fourth floor of Carnegie, which was originally designed as a laboratory. The research center is expected to become fully functional sometime this fall. It will have two main functions:

- provide students with access to data on topics that can be studied from an international perspective. For example, students studying poverty, world systems or political participation could find data for class projects, or faculty could focus on a particular topic such as poverty and bring data from several nations together for an interdisciplinary class on the topic.

- support faculty research. With the lab's capabilities, faculty can pursue their own research without the necessity for collecting primary data.

For years, Macalester has been a member of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, and some students and faculty have used its data. The lab will allow them to use the data more fully.



Anne Sutherland

## Hall of Famers

The M Club inducted four new members into the Macalester Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 1:

- Winfred "Ted" Anderson '48 of Detroit Lakes, Minn. He had a short but outstanding football career for the Scots. In 1942, the Scots' captain was named first team All-State fullback by both the *Minneapolis Star* and *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. After World War II, he returned to Macalester in 1946 and again was named team co-captain. In the season's first game, Anderson scored a touchdown and blocked a punt, but he suffered a broken

bone in his back later in the game, forcing him to miss the rest of his senior season. He coached Macalester's freshman team in 1947 and enjoyed a successful 25-year career as a teacher and head coach in Dassell and Detroit Lakes.

- J. Craig Edgerton '53 of Durango, Colo. He won individual conference championships in two sports. In 1951, he took first place at the MIAC track and field meet in the pole vault, and as a member of the 1952-53 swimming team he won the state 100-yard freestyle in MIAC-record time. A four-year letterman on both the swimming and track teams, Edgerton was captain of the swim team in 1952. He has been practicing medicine in Durango for more than 20 years. He also serves as an assistant clinical professor at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. He established and coached a year-round AAU swim team and holds the Colorado masters age group 50-yard freestyle record.

- George G. Hicks '48 of Pipestone, Minn. He excelled in football, basketball and track. A starting end and tackle for three seasons, he was named to the first team on all the All-Conference teams in 1947. He also helped the Scots win three MIAC track championships, twice placing first in the conference in the shot put and taking third the other year. He was also a



Ted Anderson '48



J. Craig Edgerton '53



George Hicks '48

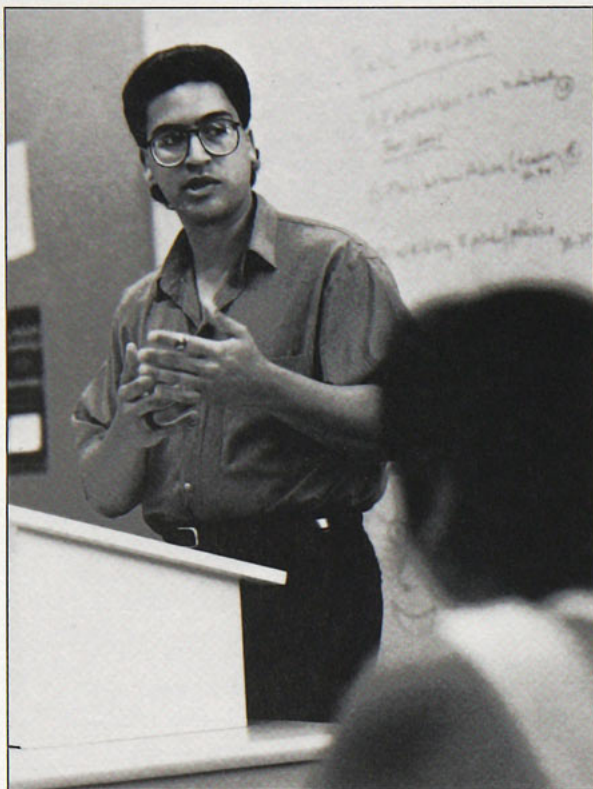


Milton Jahn '41

major contributor on the basketball squad. Hicks played and coached on a U.S. Army football team from 1950 to 1952. Hicks has been active in Pipestone with the YMCA, Little League, coaching, the



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## Building on strengths

"We need strength through diversity," Carlos Mariani '79, a Minnesota state legislator, told about 30 high school students of color from the St. Paul area last June in Carnegie Hall. The students attended Macalester's third "Maccess" summer program from June 21 to July 16. Designed to help promising students of color think about and prepare for college, the program is part of the college's commitment to multiculturalism. Mariani, whose parents emigrated to the Midwest from Puerto Rico, spoke about his own experiences as a Macalester student of color and his work as a state representative.

library board and as president of the school board.

• Milton W. Jahn '41 of St. Paul. A letterman in football, basketball and baseball, he excelled particularly in football, helping the Scots to winning records in 1938-40. He was a linebacker on the 1939 team which held conference champion St. Thomas to just 69 yards in total offense — a Macalester record which still stands. As a senior, the Scots' captain led Macalester to a 5-1-1 record and earned first-team All-State honors. He enjoyed a long and successful career in St. Paul as a teacher and principal.

## Athletes of the year

Matt Highfield '94, an outstanding soccer player, and Jennifer Tonkin '93, the latest in a long line of superb distance runners at Macalester, were named the 1992-93 Male and Female Athletes of the Year by the M Club.

They were honored Oct. 1 at the M Club's Hall of Fame dinner.

Highfield (Winchester, England)



Matt Highfield '94

was named to the All-Conference team as a freshman. Last season, he led Macalester to a 9-8-1 record by scoring nine goals and assisting on nine others. He was chosen the Most Valuable Player in the conference. Going into this season, he had scored 25 goals — second on the school's all-time list — and held the school record with 29 assists.

Tonkin (Bellevue, Wash.) earned three All-Conference certificates in cross country and eight in track during her years at Macalester. She won outdoor conference championships in both the 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter races. She achieved All-America status in her final collegiate competition — last spring's NCAA Division III track and field championships.

Here are the previous M Club Athletes of the Year:

- 1992: Mark Omodt and Jane Ruliffson
- 1991: Roger Bridge and Cindy Nelson
- 1990: Tom Kreutzian and Jane Ruliffson
- 1989: Mike Vidmar and Kathy Korn



Jennifer Tonkin '93

## Campus events line

Macalester has a phone number you can call for information about upcoming campus events: (612) 696-6900.

This is a recorded information service for use with a touch telephone. You will be able to listen to recorded messages about upcoming athletic events, theater, dance, music, art exhibits, alumni activities, public lectures and other events. Each message will include a phone number to call during business hours for more information.

We also list major upcoming events on pages 32-33 of this issue.

## Greek philosophy

Jeremiah Reedy, professor and chair of the Classics Department at Macalester, delivered one of the two major papers at the opening session of the Fifth International Conference on Greek Philosophy.

The theme of the conference, held in August on the island of Samos in the Aegean, was "Philosophy and Orthodoxy." Reedy's presentation dealt with attempts by some scholars to remove Greek metaphysical concepts from Christian theology.

Later in the week, Reedy's paper had the distinction of being read a second time, in modern Greek, by the president of the sponsoring Association for Greek Philosophy at a special session on the island of Patmos.

## The real thing

Sixty mathematicians representing 12 nations and 17 states took over Bigelow Hall and made it their home for the last week of June.

They took a paddlewheel boat trip down the Mississippi, attended a Minnesota Twins game and ate a barbecue dinner.

More importantly, they discussed serious issues in mathematics. The occasion was the 17th Summer Symposium in Real Analysis.

Real analysis is the branch of pure mathematics in which limiting processes and notions of infinity are given serious consideration. The adjective "real" refers to the fact that these studies are done in the context of the Euclidean spaces familiar from geometry.

Karen Saxe, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science at Macalester, organized the symposium, which is considered the premier conference of its type. It was sponsored by the editorial



board of the journal *Real Analysis Exchange*, published by Michigan State University. It is the only classical real analysis conference that traditionally draws participants from North America, Western Europe, Eastern and Central Europe, and the countries of the former Soviet Union.

"The past decade has witnessed a re-emergence of classical real analysis as one of the core sub-disciplines of mathematics," Saxe said. "Long taught as a core course at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, classical real analysis is regaining its more traditional role at the intellectual root of both modern applied and pure mathematics."

## A special friendship

Luther Prince wanted to repay his good friend George Dixon in some way for helping him with a business problem many years ago. Did Dixon have any suggestions?

Prince, who is black, and Dixon, who is white, put their heads together over lunch. As a result, two Macalester students of color spent last summer engaged in scientific research. Both students hope to attend medical school after Macalester, and their summer experiences may help them prepare for it and also enhance their prospects.

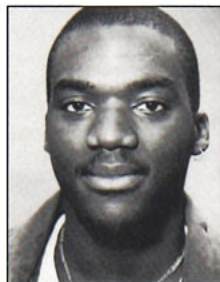
Prince is inner city business development director for Urban Ventures, a non-profit community development corporation in Minneapolis, and Dixon is retired chairman and chief executive officer of First Bank Systems Inc. Both are concerned about the relatively small number of scientists of color. "If you look at the advanced degree recipients in the sciences and in math, there are very few people of color," Dixon said. "We both thought this is wrong, and that we ought to do something about it by encouraging young people of color to become interested in math and science."

Inspired by his conversation with Dixon, Prince worked with The Minneapolis Foundation to create special summer research stipends for students of color to collaborate with faculty in the natural sciences. The grants came from a fund at the foundation that Prince and his wife, Evelyn, established.

Although neither man has any direct ties to Macalester, both came to the campus this fall to meet the two students — Ethan Abraham '94 (Columbia, S.C.) and Wamaid Mestey '94 (San Juan, Puerto Rico) — and see for themselves the impact that the research experience had on them.

"I was very impressed," Prince said. "The students were outstanding."

Abraham, working with biology Professor Lin Aanonsen, did research on spinal cord pain transmission in rats, a kind of research which could eventually benefit patients with cancer pain, for example. Scientists at the University of Minnesota were so impressed by his findings that they expect to include them in a soon-to-be-published



Ethan Abraham '94

research paper bearing his name as co-author. Abraham is majoring in biology and psychology.

Mestey is working on a year-long honors project for biology Professor Jan Serie focusing on the AIDS epidemic among Puerto Rican women. She spent part of the summer working in a physics lab at Macalester and the balance of it at



Wamaid Mestey '94

an AIDS clinic in Puerto Rico. She has an individually designed interdepartmental major in science, technology and ethics, with a minor in biology and a core in women's studies.

The stipends will support a total of four more students of color at Macalester during the next two summers.

## U.S. News rankings

Macalester moved up to 18th in "academic reputation" as well as into the first quartile among national liberal arts colleges in the latest *U.S. News & World Report* rankings.

The seventh annual guide to "America's Best Colleges" appeared on newsstands in late September.

After the listing of the top 25 colleges, Macalester is grouped with nine other colleges in the first quartile. Although the exact number does not appear in the guide, *U.S. News* told the college that Macalester ranks 34th overall.

In 1992, Macalester ranked 24th in academic reputation and was listed in the second quartile — in 39th place overall — among liberal arts colleges.

In the latest rankings, Macalester and Barnard are tied for 18th in the category of

academic reputation among all national liberal arts colleges. Other categories used to rank colleges in the annual ratings include student selectivity, faculty resources, financial resources, graduation rate and alumni satisfaction.

The magazine also mentions Macalester as one of the colleges which is making community service part of the curriculum.

Amherst replaces Williams as No. 1 among the top 25 national liberal arts colleges in the latest rankings. The only addition to the top 25 is the College of Holy Cross, which replaces Lafayette.

## Riches in the ruins

Terry Turner '94 (Tampa, Fla.) spent countless hours in Israel doing the dirty work of archaeology. She carried buckets of dirt, she hoed dirt, she sifted dirt.

"It's a lot of hard, tedious work," she recalled. "If you're not really into the concept, I wouldn't recommend it. It's not 'fun' . . . [But] I had a great time."

For Turner and another Macalester student, Tony Levenstein '94 (New York City), the four weeks they spent last summer at the site of an ancient city and at a nearby kibbutz provided a chance to learn archaeological methods and study the history of the land of Israel.

For J. Andrew Overman, who joined the Macalester faculty this fall as an assistant professor of classics, the dig is an adventure he's been involved in ever since graduate school. He is executive director of the continuing excavations project at Jotapata. Destroyed in 67 A.D., the city was the center of the first Jewish revolt against the Romans in Galilee. It was made famous by the writings of the Jewish historian Josephus, who claimed to be one of the leaders of the revolt in Galilee. Josephus surrendered to the Roman general Vespasian, who became emperor two years later, and spent the rest of his life working for the imperial family in Rome.

In 1992, Overman and his archaeological teams were the first to excavate the site. They found evidence that confirmed the battle and siege of Jotapata. "Josephus isn't that trustworthy, and you can't assume that any of [his chronicle] is true," Overman said.

This year, Overman and his colleagues and students sought to uncover the city's complicated defense structures. Jotapata is part of a regional archaeological analysis of Galilee.

"One of the things that a place like Jotapata is teaching us is that life in Ga-



lilee, during the period that produced Judaism and Christianity as we know it, was a lot more sophisticated and bustling than we ever could have imagined," Overman said. "These were big places. We uncovered several really spectacular homes this season. Judaism and Christianity came out of a cosmopolitan, bustling — and overpopulated, by the way — area of the world. Just for starters, that puts a much different spin on how I understand these texts and religions."

Jotapata is also a "teaching dig" for Overman, who takes students to Israel each year. The students were in the field each day by 6 a.m., worked until 1 p.m. — in sweltering heat — then returned to the kibbutz, where everyone stayed, for meals, relaxation and evening lectures.

"It was really rewarding to be involved in putting together pieces of the past," said Turner, an English and religious studies major. "Granted, you're doing it an inch at a time, and it takes forever. But we went to a lot of [archeological] sites around Israel and I felt like I was very much a part of what was going on there."

Levenstein said the experience confirmed his interest in religious studies and early Judaism and enabled him to visit the

land of his ancestors. The dig "was a lot of hard work very early in the morning. What was so enthralling, however, was that Jews, Muslims, Christians, Druze and Bedouins all worked together, peacefully."

The courses were offered through the University of Rochester, where Overman taught before coming to Macalester and which helps run the dig; the credits will count toward the students' Macalester degrees.

Overman, who takes about 50 students of all ages to Israel each year, believes that archaeology is the quintessential liberal arts experience.

"Archaeology has this aspect to it which I think is intriguing: You are living in another culture from your own, and yet at the same time you are literally reaching back into the past and recovering still another culture," he said. "Stratified culture or layers of culture is a really rich experience . . . How do you hold history — another culture? It sounds a little romantic, but when somebody holds an oil lamp from [an ancient] living room, you can see in their face that you really hit home. They're never going to look at these people and this period the same way again."



Professor Andy Overman, left, in Galilee last summer with Terry Turner '94 and Tony Levenstein '94

## Give peace a chance

"An unbelievable moment" — that's how Yaron Deckel described it. Khaled Abu Aker called it a "dream . . . about to come true."

Deckel, an Israeli radio reporter, and Abu Aker, a Palestinian newspaper reporter, both expressed astonishment at the Israeli-PLO peace agreement in September.

The two journalists have something else in common: Both were fellows this year of Macalester's World Press Institute. Joined by seven other journalists from Brazil, Hungary, China, Kenya, Latvia, Sweden and South Africa, they arrived at Macalester in late June for four months of study and travel throughout the U.S. They were scheduled to take part in WPI's 32nd annual "commencement" Oct. 29 at Macalester. A newspaper editor who would have been the 10th fellow, Gordana Knezevic of Sarajevo, told WPI in June that the war in Bosnia would prevent her from participating in this year's program.

Deckel works in Jerusalem as a reporter and editor for Israeli Defense Radio, the Israeli military's radio network. Abu Aker, the first Palestinian to hold a WPI fellowship, covers political developments for *Al-Fajr* in East Jerusalem's occupied territories. They gave their views of the



Khaled Abu Aker

Israeli-PLO peace agreement in side-by-side opinion pieces in the Sept. 19 *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. Both acknowledged that many obstacles remain. But they shared a fundamental hope.

"It is the destiny of both the Palestinians and the Israelis to share the land instead of trying to destroy each other," Abu Aker said. He added that "giving peace a chance, working hard and demonstrating good will are the only ways to succeed in having peace in the region."

Deckel wrote that the "time for peace has come, and we should not allow it to slip away." ●



Yaron Deckel



# A few facts and faces from the Class of '97: 454 strong

- 2,935 applicants (highest total ever, surpassing last year's record by 7 percent)
- 454 entering students (second-largest entering class since 1977)
- 50.93 percent admission rate (third most competitive in Macalester history)
- 78 international students, 15.6 percent of the new student total, from all-time high of 50 nations

- 71 U.S. students of color, 15.6 percent of class (second-largest group of multicultural students in more than 15 years)
- 21.9 percent from Minnesota (most in five years)
- 48 National Merit Scholars (third-highest total in 15 years)
- 91 who served as captains of a varsity sport ("possibly the most athletically able

class Macalester has ever enrolled," says Dean of Admissions William M. Shain)

- 48 percent listed one or more commitments to community service (56 students pursued environmental issues, No. 1 on the list)

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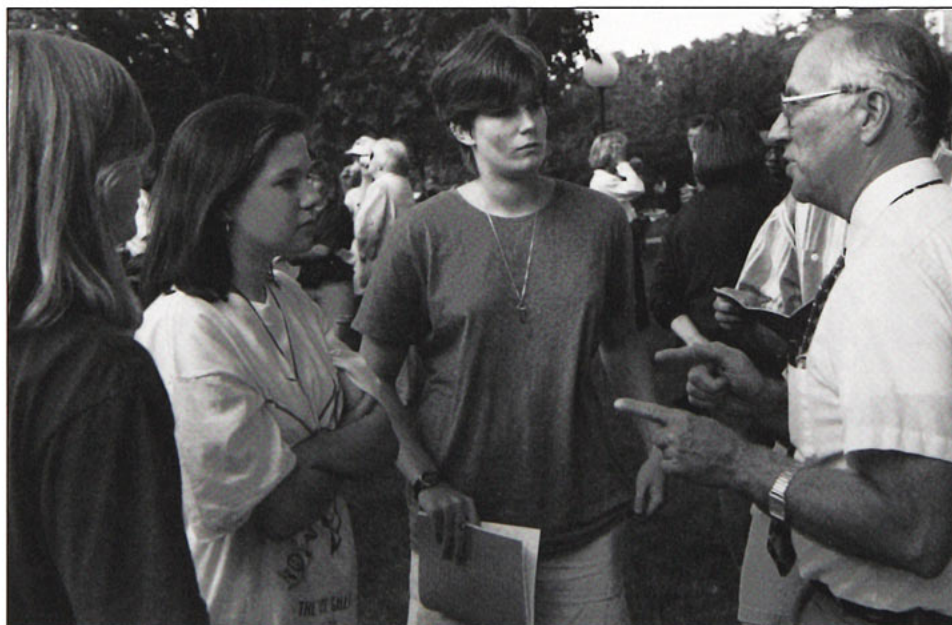


JIM HANSEN

Charles Baxter '69, above, a well-known fiction writer and a professor at the University of Michigan, speaks to new students in September in Weyerhaeuser Chapel. Some first-year students read his novel *First Light* over the summer and met during Macalester's orientation week to discuss it. Left: New students and their families were invited to a reception on the lawn in front of Old Main. Here, Tweeps Poli-Phillips '97 (New York City), far left, and her parents, Suzanne and Bruce Poli, talk with Paul Anderson '96 (Mountain View, Calif.). Below: Chemistry Professor Wayne Wolsey speaks to three first-year students (from left): Sarah Newby (Portland, Ore.), Kristen Nelson (Forest Lake, Minn.) and Kim Miller (Duluth, Minn.).

*'You bring many qualities which will enrich the Macalester community. Indeed, many of the qualities which all of us cherish most can rarely, if ever, be quantified: curiosity, courage, enthusiasm for learning and for living, humility and loyalty to friends, ideals and institutions.'*

— William M. Shain,  
dean of admissions, addressing  
the Class of '97 on Sept. 1



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# The river rises; voices of women; calling the circle

Here are some of the noteworthy comments made recently on and around the campus:

**"PEOPLE THINK OF THE RIVER AS THEIR ENEMY.** They fight the river, dike the river, pollute the river, ignore the river. Now the river is taking back its old places. You can see the old marshes coming back in the farmers' fields, all the places where the duck ponds used to be. It's almost like a ghost. The water is saying, 'This is where I used to be. This used to be my place.'"

David Lanegran, Macalester geography professor, quoted in a July 10 New York Times article on the Mississippi River flooding that devastated the Midwest

**"WE NEED TO GO BACK TO THINKING HOW** to put values at the center of life, how to order politics and social institutions so things are fair and just. The labor movement, with its concepts of sisterhood and brotherhood, can ensure that fairness and be a wonderful vehicle for a better life for all of us."

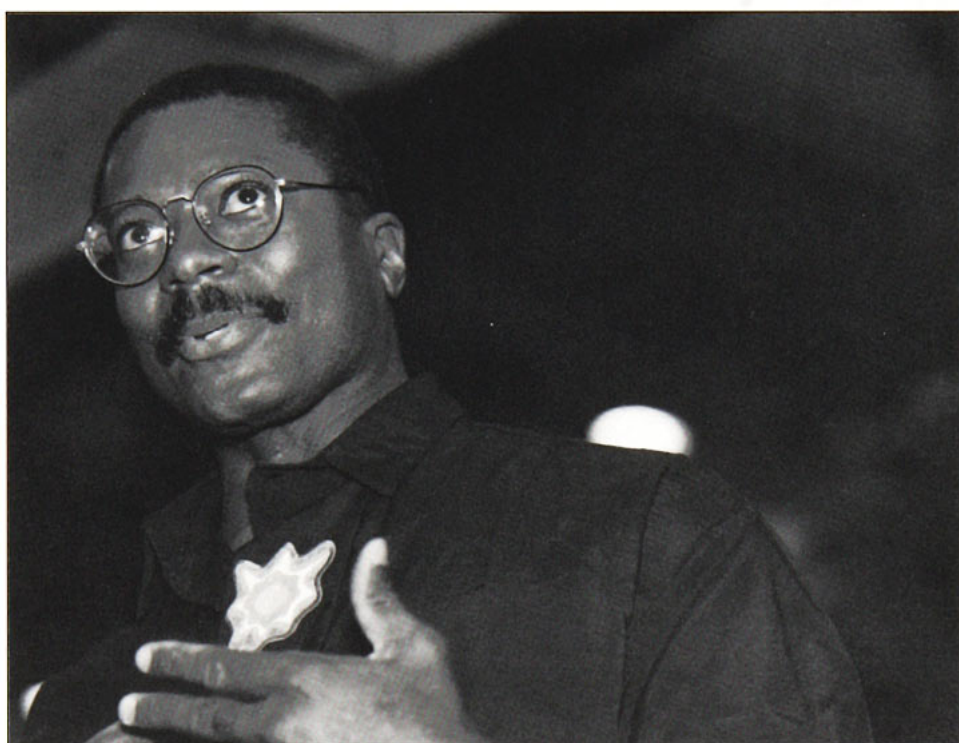
Peter Rachleff, professor and labor historian at Macalester, quoted in a lengthy profile of him in the Aug. 1 St. Paul Pioneer Press by Mary Ann Grossmann '60. The article discussed Rachleff's recently published book, *Hard-Pressed in the Heartland*, about the Hormel strike in Austin, Minn.

**"THE ELECTRONIC VERSIONS OF 'THE DOG** ate my homework' are extraordinary. And now these excuses come on voice mail."

English Professor Harley Henry, who has taught at Macalester since 1966, telling alumni (with tongue in cheek) how personal computers and a new telephone system have changed, or perhaps not changed, the campus

**"I CONTINUE TO LIVE THE QUESTION I** began asking at Macalester 25 years ago. I devote my writing and teaching to helping other people ask the questions they need to ask in order to guide their own lives. Right now, my work is at a turning point. My work is homed in on one single task that is contained in the phrase, 'To call the circle.'

"I see the circle as the form which can change society from within. Almost every weekend of the year, somewhere in this continent, I am sitting in a circle with a group of people. We spread out a centerpiece; we focus the energy on the rim, where we are peers, and on the center, where there is the mystery of our collected



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Gary Hines '74: an "ongoing relationship" between the Sounds of Blackness and Macalester

energy, and we work together to define and meet the goals of the group. These circles operate on three principles: Leadership is floating, responsibility is shared and ultimate authority is spiritual."

Christina Baldwin '68, author and activist, speaking last June after receiving a Distinguished Citizen Citation from Macalester

**"THERE'S BEEN AN EXPLOSION OF** [writing by] women of color, both fiction and non-fiction. To the brothers [in the audience], I really encourage you to listen to the voices of women of color, because there's a lot of strength and wisdom there."

Carlos Mariani '79, a Minnesota state legislator from St. Paul. Mariani, who is of Puerto Rican descent, was speaking June 24 to about 30 high school students of color enrolled in Macalester's "Maccass" program.

**"DE WITT WALLACE WAS A DIFFIDENT,** shy man with a Garboesque aversion to publicity, who enjoyed high living but gave away most of the hundreds of millions he made (the Wallaces had no children), largely to educational institutions, beginning with Macalester College. One senses that Wally was happiest sequestered

in the tower of his castle, High Winds, making the final selection of articles that would appear in the next issue of his beloved magazine."

Richard Lingeman, executive editor of *The Nation*, reviewing *Theirs Was the Kingdom: Lila and DeWitt Wallace and the Story of the Reader's Digest* by John Heidenry. The review appeared on the front page of the Aug. 22 New York Times Book Review.

**"TO THIS DAY, WE [MEMBERS OF THE** Sounds of Blackness] still occasionally rehearse over in Janet Wallace [Fine Arts Center], and we trust that's an ongoing relationship . . . I would implore you, every time you [in the Macalester community] hear of something that we accomplished or tried to accomplish, that you take pride in that, that you take ownership in that. Because truly, it is a testament to the college's commitment to excellence and to diversity and to cultural understanding."

Gary Hines '74, director of the *Sounds of Blackness*, upon receiving a Distinguished Citizen Citation from the college last June. The Grammy Award-winning choir began in 1969 as the Macalester College Black Choir and evolved into the *Sounds of Blackness* when he took over as director in 1971. ●



An aerial map of the Macalester College campus in St. Paul, Minnesota, serves as the background for the entire page. The map shows various campus buildings, streets, and green spaces. Labels on the map include "Anson St" at the top right, "St. Clair Avenue" on the left, and "Boelling" at the bottom right. The title "Macalester Grows in a Neighborly Way" is prominently displayed in the upper half, with "Macalester" and "Grows" in a large, bold, red serif font, and "in a Neighborly Way" in a smaller, black, italicized serif font.

# Macalester Grows *in a Neighborly Way*

**N**eighbors help shape the college's campus plan, which calls for expanded athletic fields, a new Campus Center and a host of improvements to educational buildings

*by Jon Halvorsen*





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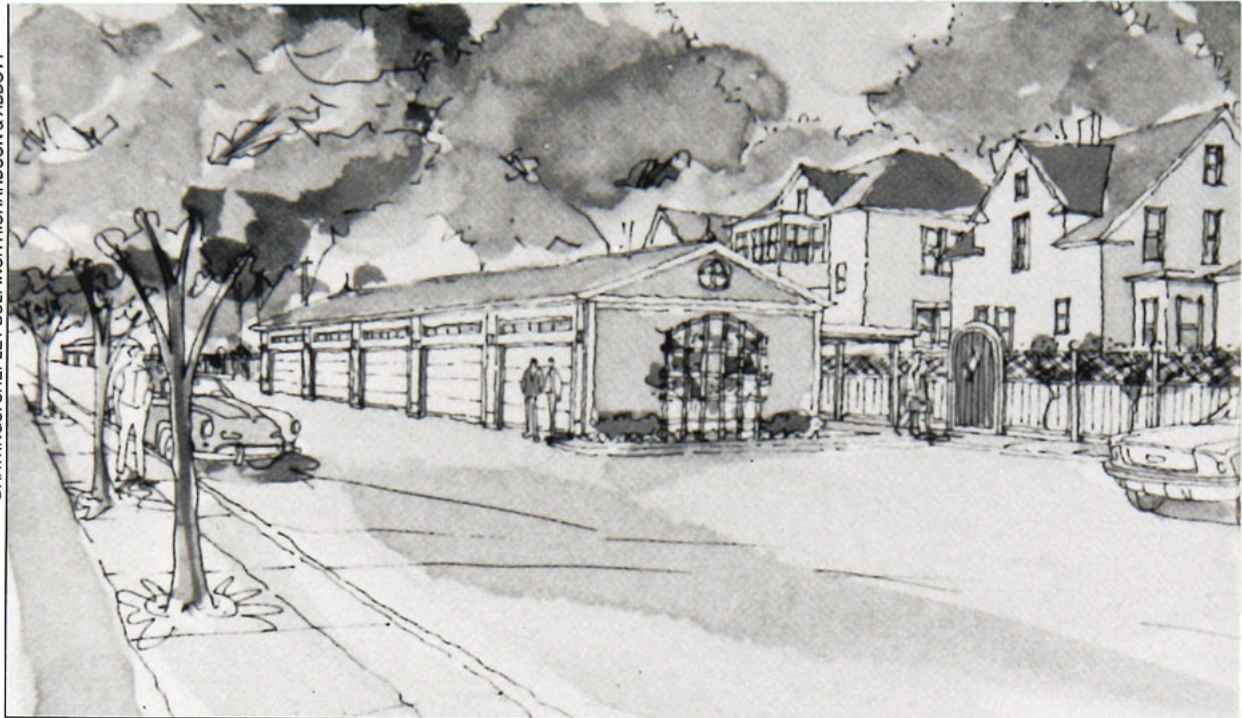
**D**uring the next few years, alumni returning to Macalester will find:

- a campus which has expanded westward to allow for more outdoor athletic fields;
- a new Campus Drive between St. Clair and Grand avenues which will serve as the main artery through the campus;
- a new Campus Center which will serve as a hub of campus life outside the classroom;
- renovations and alterations to Olin and Rice science buildings;
- an expanded Field House;
- renovations of the theater, art and music buildings at the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center.

These and other changes in the college's physical environment are all part of Macalester's campus plan. The Board of Trustees will look at more details of the plan in February, and some of its features are still subject to change. The campus plan

Change and continuity: Macalester is expanding its boundaries while keeping its small, residential character.





**Below:** The existing alley between Macalester and Vernon streets, north of St. Clair Avenue. **Above:** The new Campus Drive, replacing the alley, will serve bicyclists and pedestrians as well as motorists. This is an artist's early sketch and the actual Campus Drive is likely to look considerably different.



stems from Macalester's 10-year strategic plan, approved by the board in May 1992, to ensure that the college has the facilities and resources necessary to uphold and enhance its mission. Although the college will expand by 4.6 acres — primarily in the southwest corner of campus to support athletic program needs — Macalester will maintain its residential character with an on-campus enrollment of about 1,650 full-time students.

From the beginning, the college worked closely with residents of the adjacent "Tangletown" neigh-

borhood with the city, task force, Community Council and neighborhood residents — partly because he has lived in the neighborhood since 1967

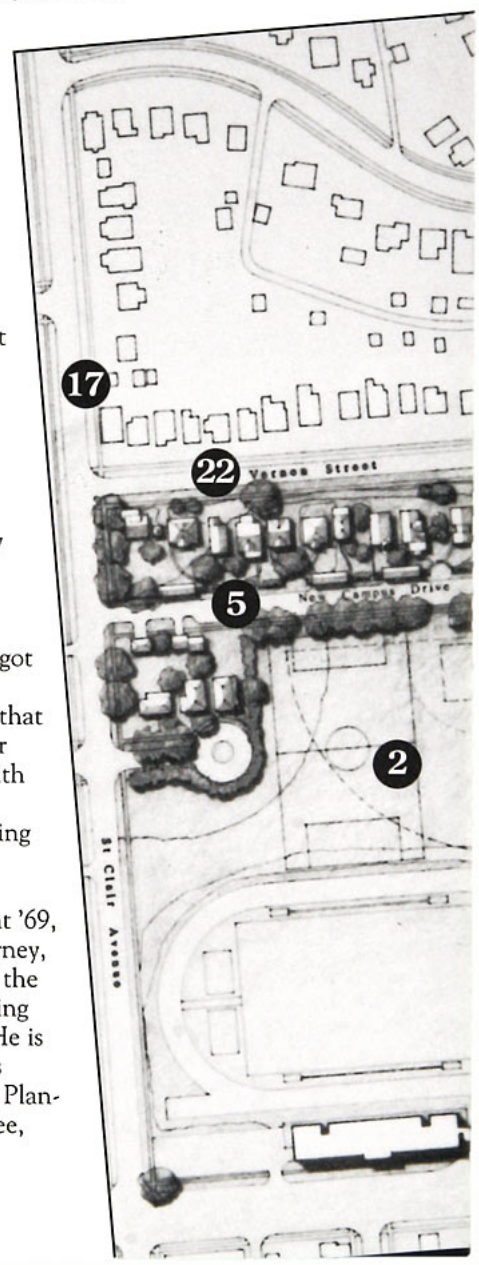
and is on a first-name basis with many residents. "This experience confirms for me that in the 1990s, for a college to do anything about its borders, it has to do so in a cooperative spirit with its neighbors," Aslanian said. "What the city thought was a herculean task went pretty smoothly. We got our expansion approved. But that doesn't end our relationship with our neighbors. We're continuing to work with them."

Mark Vaught '69, a St. Paul attorney, is a member of the St. Paul Planning Commission. He is also chair of its Neighborhood Planning Committee,

borhood to address their concerns about the campus plan. Tangletown residents, Grand Avenue business owners, city officials, District 14 Community Council members and college representatives served on a task force that met for nine months to discuss and resolve such issues as parking, traffic and campus boundaries.

The final plan, which was approved last May by the St. Paul Planning Commission, incorporates numerous changes suggested by the task force. "The plan really changed because of neighborhood input," said Donna Kelly, a resident of Tangletown who serves as Macalester's neighborhood liaison on the plan.

College Treasurer Paul Aslanian served as Macalester's principal spokesperson on the plan





which considered and recommended approval of Macalester's application to expand its boundaries.

"I was impressed by the interaction between the college and the neighborhood — which was positive, although not universally so, because a few neighbors were upset — and by the college's sensitivity toward the neighbors and trying to integrate their concerns into this proposal," Vaught said. He sees the campus plan as "a real positive and rational approach. It would have been easy for a college the size of Macalester to throw its weight around. But the college has the wisdom not to do that."

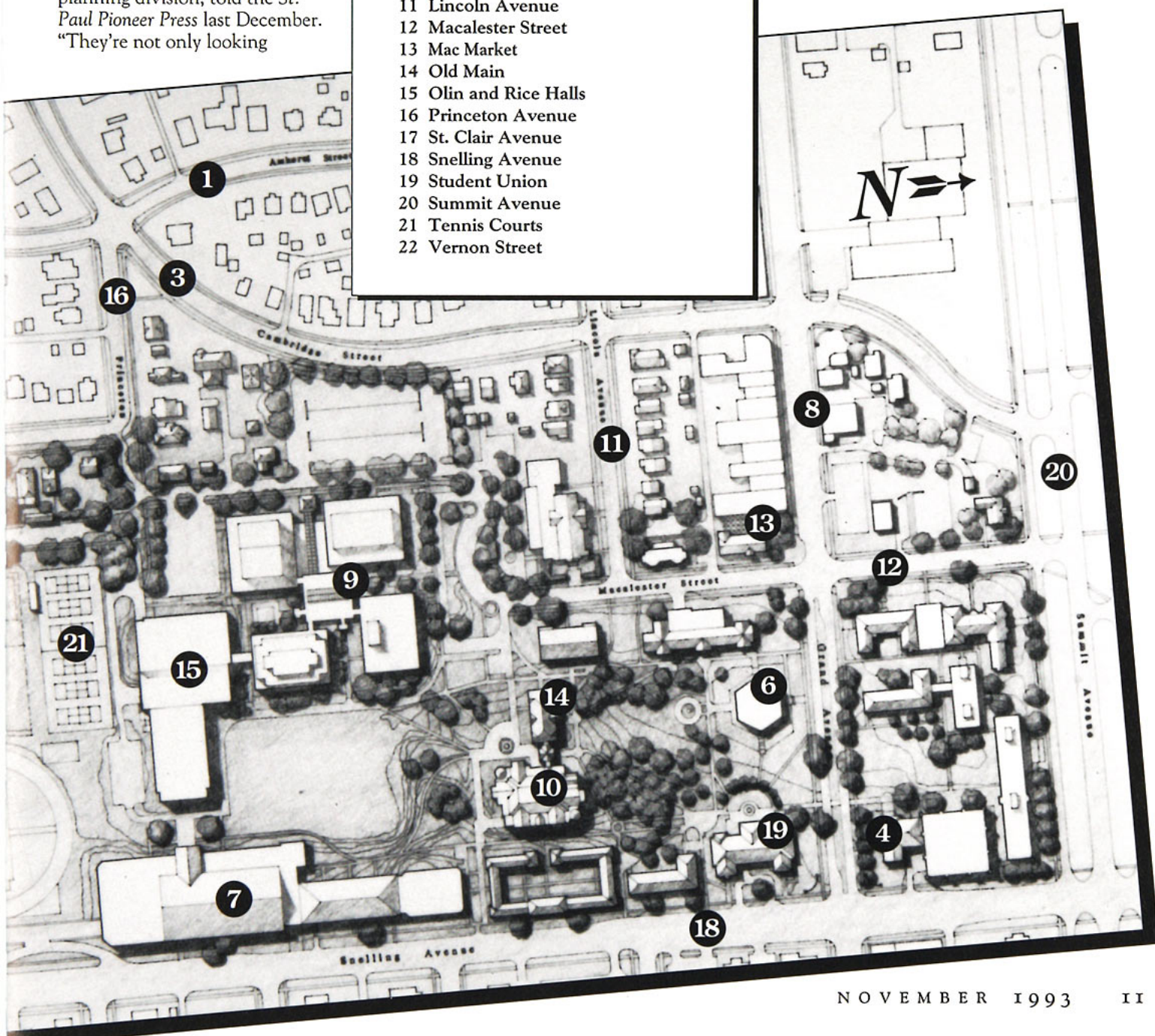
"This is one of the best planning efforts I've ever seen," Dan Cornejo, head of St. Paul's city planning division, told the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* last December. "They're not only looking

at immediate needs with the neighborhood but projecting 10 to 20 years. That engenders confidence. It says, 'We're here for the long haul; you're here for the long haul. Let's work together.'"

"Macalester is a very strong anchor in the neighborhood," said Alexander "Sandy" Hill '57, assistant to President Gavin, who has worked closely on the campus plan. "This plan gives us the opportunity to improve our physical space, but it also maintains

## The Campus plan

- 1 Amherst Street
- 2 Athletic fields
- 3 Cambridge Avenue
- 4 Campus Center (proposed site)
- 5 Campus Drive
- 6 Chapel
- 7 Field House
- 8 Grand Avenue
- 9 Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center
- 10 Library
- 11 Lincoln Avenue
- 12 Macalester Street
- 13 Mac Market
- 14 Old Main
- 15 Olin and Rice Halls
- 16 Princeton Avenue
- 17 St. Clair Avenue
- 18 Snelling Avenue
- 19 Student Union
- 20 Summit Avenue
- 21 Tennis Courts
- 22 Vernon Street





the stability and special qualities of both the campus and the neighborhood. If we strengthen an already vital, handsome campus, that has a positive impact on the neighborhood."

Here is a look at the major features of the plan:

## Athletic fields and Campus Drive

The college will extend its athletic fields to the west by expanding to the alley that now runs between Vernon and Macalester streets, north of St. Clair. Most of Macalester Street between St. Clair and Princeton will be vacated (except for three homes on the southeast corner).

In addition, the alley will become a private road, Campus Drive (the name is tentative). A main entrance on St. Clair, attractive landscaping and additional green space will signal to visitors that they are entering a college campus. Campus Drive will serve bicyclists and pedestrians as well as motorists, and will link both ends of campus together. Because access to Campus Drive will be only from St. Clair on the south and Macalester Street on the north, the college hopes it will help reduce traffic in the Tangletown neighborhood.

The college's \$1.5 million track and field facility, featuring a new scoreboard, new lighting system and a larger playing area for soccer, was completed in 1992. Macalester Street is in the distance. See opposite page for a view in the opposite direction.

large number of people try out for a varsity sport, we want to have a junior varsity team.

"And intramural sports are obviously a major part of having expanded athletic fields," Andrews added. "We don't have enough room right now for all the intramural activity. One of the goals of the Athletic Department is for every member of the campus community to have the chance to participate in something they feel comfortable doing, whether it's football or Frisbee."

The expansion will make room for a baseball field (which will have multiple uses), six tennis courts and more practice fields. In all, 12 houses will be removed from the Macalester Street area, all of them owned by the college. Macalester is working with the Twin Cities chapter of Habitat for Humanity and with a land trust to donate as many houses as those groups can find sites for. The residential character of Vernon Street will be protected by landscape buffering. Most of Macalester's residential language-houses are already on Vernon and will remain there for the foreseeable future.

Campus Drive and the athletic field expansion are planned for completion by the fall of 1994 or the spring of 1995, depending on when the new grass planted for the athletic fields is ready.

## Campus Center

The Campus Center is intended to become in many ways the centerpiece of the campus. One proposed site is the northwest corner of Grand and Snelling avenues, which is now the site of Winton Health Services. The architectural plans are still being prepared, but a task force headed by Dean of Students Edward DeCarbo has made its planning recommendations to the architects. The Campus Center is expected to give "central place and visibility [to] those endeavors that are essential to the academic and social mission" of Macalester: internationalism,

multiculturalism and community service.

The building may be attached to Kagin Commons in order to create a multi-purpose student activities center. At the same time, the Student Union building across Grand Avenue will be renovated as a further extension of student services.

The Campus Center may include the International Center (now on Summit Avenue); an auditorium of 250 to 350 fixed seats to accommodate film and multi-media presentations (and replace the present auditorium in Olin Hall); an information/

The expansion of the athletic fields is intended to benefit not only Macalester's intercollegiate sports teams but intramural and club sports as well as health and wellness programs. "In 1970, we had only men's intercollegiate teams," said Ken Andrews '72, Macalester's athletic director. "With all the women's teams — in softball, soccer and other sports — we've nearly doubled the participation in intercollegiate sports but still have the same space. We also have a 'no-cut' policy for our sports teams, so if we have a



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reception area at the entrance to provide a welcoming environment for visitors and community members; a campus dining room primarily for faculty, staff and visitors; student facilities such as informal lounges and music practice rooms; a resource room for student organizations with meeting space and work space; and space for both Macalester historical and art objects.

This project is planned for completion in the next two to four years.

## *Olin and Rice science buildings*

Both buildings are scheduled for a complete renovation to provide additional lab, teaching and office space and to replace the outdated mechanical and electrical systems. About two-thirds of the project budget will be spent on the renovation efforts; the remaining one-third will go toward new lab, classroom and office space. College repre-

sentatives and architects are reviewing schemes for the new spaces.

This project is to begin in 1994 or 1995.

## *Field House expansion*

The existing Field House, built in 1954, will be renovated and expanded south into the area currently occupied by three tennis courts. Andrews is heading a task force that is still working on the plans, but the project is likely to include a competition arena, an indoor track, a training room, varsity locker rooms, and six courts for volleyball, basketball and tennis rather than the present five. The gym will also have a new entrance for visitors. The Physical Plant Department will be relocated to a basement at the south end of the expanded Field House, which will allow delivery access from Snelling Avenue and thus eliminate truck

A view of the existing athletic fields and the new track facility from Macalester Street. The college will extend the athletic fields to the west by expanding to the alley that now runs between Macalester and Vernon streets, north of St. Clair.



traffic from the neighborhood streets. In addition, the Physical Plant, which has had its shops scattered across the campus for decades, will have consolidated, efficient and up-to-date work spaces and offices.

This project is planned for the next three to five years.



The Macalester women's varsity soccer team, wearing the light-colored jerseys, in a game at home this fall. More than anything else, the dramatic growth in women's participation has required more space for sports of all kinds.

## Renovations to 77 Macalester St.

The college plans to create a small addition on the west side of 77 Macalester in order to make the existing building fully accessible to the disabled. To make room, the house at 1649 Lincoln (owned by the college) will be removed. The plan also calls for the creation of up to 15 new parking spaces.

This project is planned for the next one to two years.

## Fine Arts Center

The college will renovate the theater, art and music buildings, which form the western portion of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center, to make them more suitable for current activities and teaching

methods. At the same time, a new entry lobby and reception area will fill in the courtyard between these two buildings in order to create a proper area for the display of art and for the arrival of theatergoers.

This project is planned for the next three to six years.

## Miscellaneous parking improvements

Some parallel parking adjacent to Campus Drive will be added. In order to control traffic along Cambridge Street and to promote the new Campus Drive as the primary route through campus, the college will close the Cambridge Street entrance to the 168-car parking lot on the west side of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. At the same time, additional landscape buffering will screen the parking lot from the residential neighborhood along Cambridge Street.

This project is planned for the next two to six years.







The college is still considering other proposals for north of Grand Avenue, including a possible new residential facility on the site of the present, antiquated residence hall at 37 Macalester St. The southwest corner of Grand Avenue and Macalester Street, adjacent to the Mac Market, has been formally incorporated into the campus boundary, and the college hopes to develop ideas for better linking the campus and the retail businesses.

Aslanian expects that Macalester will pay for the establishment of Campus Drive and the expansion

of the Field House with an estimated \$3 million, 20-year bond issue.

Aslanian said the college will have an accurate estimate of the total cost of the campus plan by this coming February, when all the architectural and engineering plans are prepared. "We'll know then how much it will cost and how long it will take," he said.

"Any college can use tax-exempt financing as an interim step," Aslanian added. "But ultimately, the successful college, in order to cover all of its costs — including servicing its debt — must depend on a healthy mix of revenue from student charges, alumni support and endowment income. I don't know of a single successful college which is an exception to this general rule." ●

The residential character of Vernon and Princeton streets, shown as they look now in the photo above, will be protected by landscape buffering. An artist's early sketch suggests one possibility.





# Border

## *Encounters with Another Culture*

Collectively, Macalester people have seemingly lived everywhere, met everyone and learned everything.

More than anything else, though, they have a reputation for successfully crossing cultural boundaries and learning from the experience.

We asked a number of alumni to relate their most memorable experiences in trekking across cultural lines.

“Tell us a story,” we said. Here are the tales they told.  
(More stories will appear in February’s *Macalester Today*.)

*by Jack El-Hai*



# Crossings

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Kjell and Maria Bergh  
at home in Edina, Minn.

*'Even though I hate dancing, we got out on the dance floor. The music stopped and the band sat down.'*

## *Dancing through apartheid:*

### Kjell Bergh

**'70** Kjell Bergh, chairman of the board of Bergh International Holdings Inc. of Minneapolis and a Macalester trustee, was born in Norway. In 1968 he married Maria Bergh, a Tanzanian. They have two children.

Because we have a multi-racial family, people are always asking for our opinion on apartheid. In 1981, we made a trip to South Africa to expose ourselves to it. We didn't think it was intellectually honest to spout off about it without first-hand knowledge.

Once there, we felt that we were under surveillance much of the time. In Durban we stayed at a very large international hotel where the rules of apartheid were unofficially suspended — in other hotels we could have been arrested for staying to-

gether in a room. One day I was out on the beach and had the room key. Maria asked at the front desk for another key to our room. The attendant called her by name without having met her.

We tested apartheid in the restaurant of a large hotel. I went up and reserved a table. I told the staff it was for a very special occasion, and I asked for a table near the window or at the front of the restaurant. They assured me there was no problem. When Maria and I arrived for dinner, they took a look at us and huddled together. They marched us to a dark corner behind some ornamental trees. After that, we really wanted to make a point. So, even though I hate dancing, we got out on the dance floor. The music stopped and the band sat down.

This trip let us gain first-hand impressions that we could later use to discuss specific incidents. Even though things have changed in South Africa, apartheid continues to exist in the heads of narrow-minded people, in the U.S. and other countries as well.

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*Strong women and butterflies:*

## Sarah Fitzsimmons

'92 While a student at Macalester, Sarah Fitzsimmons taught English as a second language to junior and senior high school students in St. Paul and, for her honors project, studied the effect of immigration to America on Hmong women, an ethnically distinct group that came in large numbers from Laos after the Vietnam War. Her essay — "Ntsee Tyee's Daughters," referring to a mythic figure in Hmong culture — won first prize in the 1992 Ida B. Davis Ethnic Heritage Award competition, sponsored by the Immigration History Research Center at the

Sarah Fitzsimmons in 1992 with members of the Hmong family in St. Paul who "adopted" her: Ker Xiong and her daughters, Nou Vang and Khou Vang, right.



**T**hey aren't like everyone else and they shouldn't have to try to be.'

University of Minnesota. She now teaches English as a second language in Norfolk, Neb.

I was "adopted" by a Hmong family who later helped me with my history project at Macalester. They saw me as a single woman, 20 years old, with no family. They figured I needed someone to look after me.

I had a preconception about them: that in Hmong society males dominated and women were powerless. Instead, I found very strong women, not victims. Their role in America had changed dramatically and is still evolving. They are becoming less and less isolated. What I initially viewed as merely traditional roles for Hmong women — such as making crafts or taking care of trading within their community — has now given them the chance to act as bread-winners in their families. Granted, many of their cultural traditions remain, but they're pushing and questioning their traditional identity.

The younger Hmong women are having a hard time working out how they fit in the Hmong community. They're trying to find new ways to get positive strokes from the community. They've de-

cided they can contribute by giving back to the community — by being politically active. Older women are doing that, too. One young woman described her mother as like a butterfly, coming out of her cocoon, becoming more involved.

Now I work in rural Nebraska, where there's an influx of Mexicans in a traditionally white community. People here wonder why the newcomers don't speak English and "blend in" better. My experience tells me it takes time to blend in and learn a new language. At the same time, the existing community needs to recognize and respect the culture and language of a growing number of new community members. They aren't like everyone else, they shouldn't have to try to be and they should not be made to feel

like less of a person because they are not.

*A meeting with Martin:*

## Flip Schulke

'54 Flip Schulke, a photo-journalist who lives in West Palm Beach, Fla., took thousands of photos of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. between 1955 and the civil rights leader's assassination in 1968. He has published two books about King: *Martin Luther King Jr.: A Documentary — Montgomery to Memphis* (1976) and *King Remembered* (1986).

I first met Dr. King in 1958, when I had to photograph him at a Miami church for *Ebony*

magazine. I had already read his first book of sermons and was impressed by his idea that anger begets anger, and love begets love. When I shook his hand, I mentioned my thoughts on his book. He invited me to come over to where he was staying in Miami and talk.

I was 28, and he was just a year older. We sat talking philosophy all night. He convinced me that white people simply didn't see black people. They didn't see their heartbreak or degradation in our society.

He gave an example. "You don't see anything in the press about segregation," he said. "It isn't photographed." I told him that in order to photograph something you have to know what's happening ahead of time, to get your camera ready and focused. It isn't like reporting, where you don't have to be present and can ask witnesses after the fact. Photographers have to be there.

King said he hadn't thought about that. Afterwards, he started calling me on the phone. And I began to really see what he was talking about in non-violent demonstrations.

Plenty of other people shook hands with him there at the church, but he talked with me because my education had broadened my mind and made me





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stretch my legs and walk the aisles. During several of my strolls I bumped into a flight attendant and we talked a bit. Golden-skinned and calm, she had a marvelous aura about her. As we spoke, she also struck me as internationally minded, one of the fortunate young Koreans able to travel the world, for at that time the Korean government would not issue passports to its citizens except for business trips and limited study abroad.

I passed the time reading and talking with the American woman next to me. As the plane neared Seoul, I took one last stroll and again bumped into the flight attendant. As she handed out toothbrushes, I heard my voice ask her if she would be in Seoul the next day. When she replied that she would, I suggested — with what for me was unheard of boldness — that we get together for some sightseeing. She said she had just moved to Seoul and didn't know the city well.

Slow when it comes to social clues, I plunged forward. "That's great," I said. "We can go to some places you've never seen before." Without giving her a chance to reply, I added, "Meet me in the lobby of the Koreana Hotel at one o'clock tomorrow afternoon. OK?"

"Maybe," she said.

I figured that Koreans, like Japanese, seldom say "no" directly. Obviously, she would never show up. The next day, I took a bus downtown for a round of sightseeing. I glanced at my

Flip Schulke '54 (inset at left) took many photos of Martin Luther King, including the one on this page. Below: Paul Wadden '79 and his wife, Mee Hey Chang, on a visit to the U.S. earlier this year.

*"Where is your wife?" she kept asking. I thought she was teasing me.'*

want to read. I felt able to communicate with King knowledgeably on his level, and that made him want to communicate with me.

Meeting him was the most important thing that's happened in my life.

*The woman who said maybe:*

## Paul Wadden

'79 Paul Wadden lives in Tokyo and teaches English at International Christian University. His articles on Far East politics and culture have been featured in the New York Times, Washington Post and Wall Street Journal, and his poems have appeared in more than 60 literary journals.

Cross-cultural understanding is highly valued these days, but I think there's also something to be said for just accepting that wherever two cultures meet, signals will probably get crossed.

I had such an encounter in 1986, returning from the U.S. to Japan, via Korea. The 16-hour, non-stop flight from New York to Seoul is one of the longest in the world; I got up often to





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watch — 12:45 — and thought there was nothing to be lost by dropping in at the Koreana Hotel before walking around Seoul. Fifteen minutes in the lobby was all I needed to confirm my cultural insight that in Asia “maybe” means “no.” Stepping on the escalator, I headed down toward the street — and gliding by me on the way up, with a slight wave of her hand, was a beautiful woman in a blue hat, the flight attendant.

We spent that afternoon strolling through the gardens of the imperial palace and meandering through the South Gate market. In addition to her composure and curiosity, she possessed a playful sense of humor. “Where is your wife?” she kept asking. I thought she was teasing me, implying that I was already over the hill because I was unmarried

Seven years after our trans-Pacific meeting, Mee Hey Chang and I live in Tokyo, where she works as a translator and I teach English at a university. I still haven’t figured out exactly when “yes” means yes, “no” means no, and what “maybe” means — except that when my wife says it, that’s exactly what she means.

*A lesson in Wisconsin:*

## Jerry Fisher

**'59** Jerry K. Fisher is a professor of history and communications studies at Macalester. His specialty is Japan and U.S.-Japanese relations. He is married to Aiko Hiraiwa Fisher, a senior instructor in Japanese at Macalester and a native of Japan. They have homes in St. Paul and Tokyo.

In the last 35 years, I’ve lived abroad 14 or 15 years altogether, if you add up all the months. I’m also married to a Japanese, and of course, there are lots of things I could talk about in terms of adjustment there. But it’s hard for me to sort out to what degree those are personality adjustments that everybody goes through in marriage and how much are culturally bound.

But when it comes down to it, the biggest shock I had, culture-wise, didn’t happen abroad. It happened in the summer of 1955 in Wisconsin, when I was 18. I had just started college [at Northwestern University]. I was involved in the Presbyterian youth organization and we had raised funds to send a black clergyman to Africa to see what was going on with Presbyterian missions there. It was the first time a black representative from the Presbyterian church in America had visited Africa.

This clergyman and his family were invited to our summer conference to tell about his experiences. He must have been in his 30s; he had a son in fifth or sixth grade and a lovely wife. They came all the way from Brooklyn, New York. We had a wonderful week. We got to know him pretty well.

At the end of the week, I don’t know how it came out, but we started talking about more personal things. He said it was a relief for his family to get to the summer camp because they had such a hard time on the way. I said, “What do you mean?” He said, “We weren’t able to stay at any motel anywhere along the line.” From Brooklyn to Wisconsin, he and his family were not able to find a place to stay. The motel signs would say “Vacant” and they would go in and hear, “Sorry, we just filled up.”

I did not think of myself as naive, but after that, nothing has really been a shock to me. It made me realize that there are so many things we take for granted. No matter how much you study or know, you’ve got to realize that other people have perspectives, shaped by their particular environment, that you just will never completely understand or appreciate. And they don’t have to be from an exotic foreign culture. That lesson was important to me throughout my life. ●



Jerry Fisher '59 joined the Macalester faculty a decade after he graduated.

at 29. I responded with comments like “Which one?” She gave me puzzled looks but laughed along.

I spent the next three years commuting from Japan to Korea (27 flights), trying to persuade her to marry me. (A year later, the first time that I proposed, she told me, “Maybe.”) Much later, I learned that her question during our first day together — “Where is your wife?” — was entirely serious, for she had expected that afternoon to meet me and the American woman sitting next to me on the plane. Had she known I was single, she would never have come.





# Mondale *and* Carter: *Historic Visit on a Historic Day*

**W**hile the world's attention was riveted on the Mideast, Walter Mondale and Jimmy Carter came to Macalester to reflect, educate, pay tribute and connect the past to the present. We capture some highlights of the day on the next seven pages.

*by Jon Halvorsen*



**F**OR WALTER MONDALE AND JIMMY CARTER, Sept. 10 was a day of happy coincidence. The former vice president returned to Macalester to receive the Board of Trustees Award for Meritorious and Distinguished Service. His former boss came to honor him at a special college convocation.

It turned out to be the same day that Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization stunned the world by recognizing each other's legitimacy. The *New York Times* declared on its front page that Friday morning: "The Middle East will never be the same." (The *Times* story was written by Thomas L. Friedman, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter who received an honorary degree from Macalester in 1992.) The news came 15 years to the month after Carter's own remarkable Mideast peace initiative.

Addressing 3,000 people on the lawn in front of Old Main, under a brilliantly sunny sky, Mondale was exhilarated. "How lucky that we could have this

all together," he said. "Typical Minnesota weather, and then this development, a historic day in the world." He emphasized that it was Carter who had "shown it was possible . . . to find a common humanity among people who had gone to war four times" by bringing Israel and Egypt together for the 1978 Camp David Accords. The new Israeli-PLO agreement drew upon the language used at Camp David.

Although the careers of both men testify to their conviction that people can shape his-

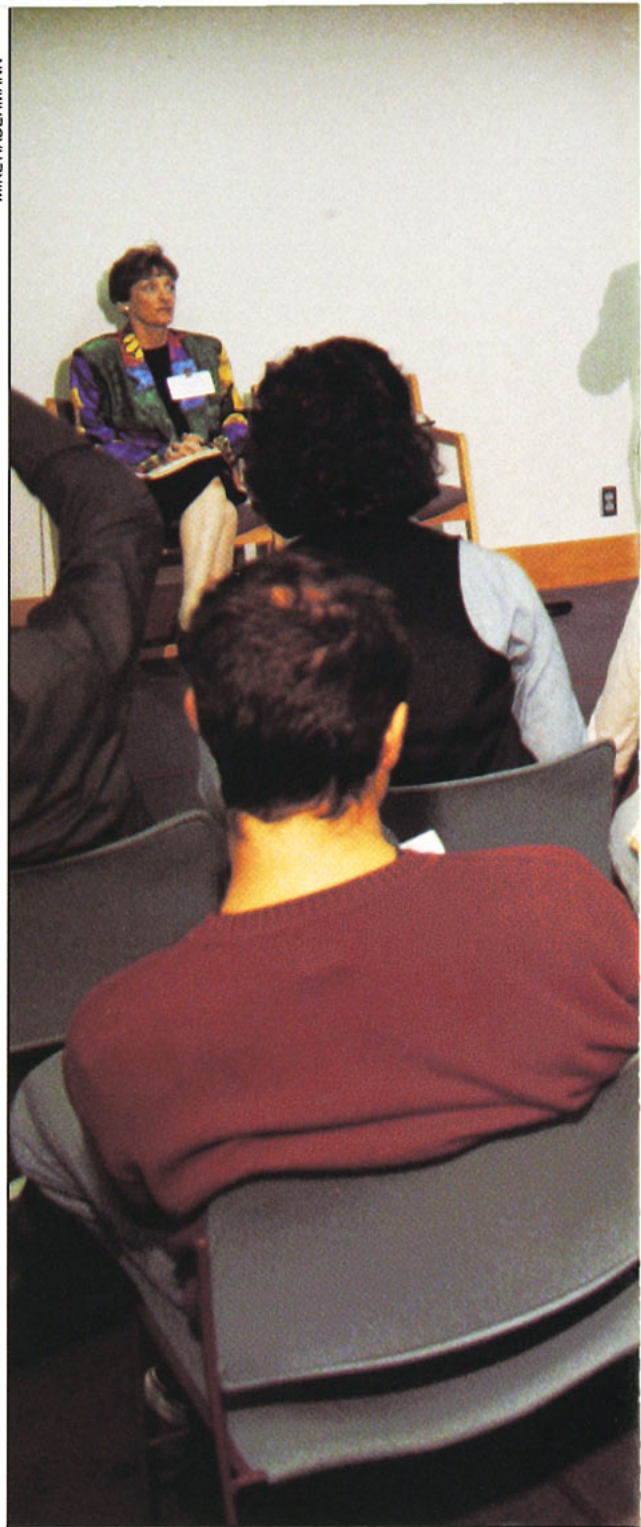
tory and not just be victims of it, both admitted that an Israeli-PLO agreement was not an event they had expected to see in their lifetimes. Carter, who had been secretly briefed by Yasir Arafat before the

About 35 students, joined by more than a dozen members of the news media, listen as Walter Mondale speaks to Professor Emily Rosenberg's history class. The class met in the DeWitt Wallace Library's Harmon Room instead of Old Main to make room for the media and cameras.



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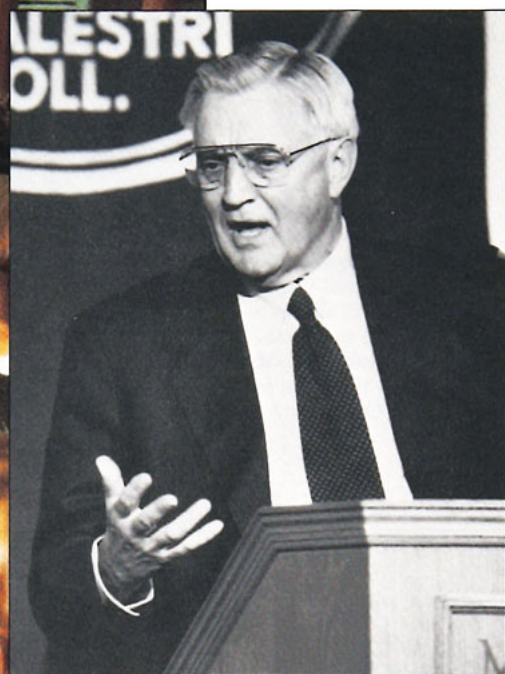
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agreement was announced, lamented only that there had been "too many empty years" between 1978 and 1993.

In several public appearances on campus that day, Mondale, the newly appointed ambassador to Japan, appeared thoroughly at ease and at home on the campus where he had spent a little over two years as a student. (He left after the fall semester in 1948 to transfer to the University of Minnesota, where he earned his B.A. in 1951 and a law degree in 1956.) Walking into Professor Emily Rosenberg's





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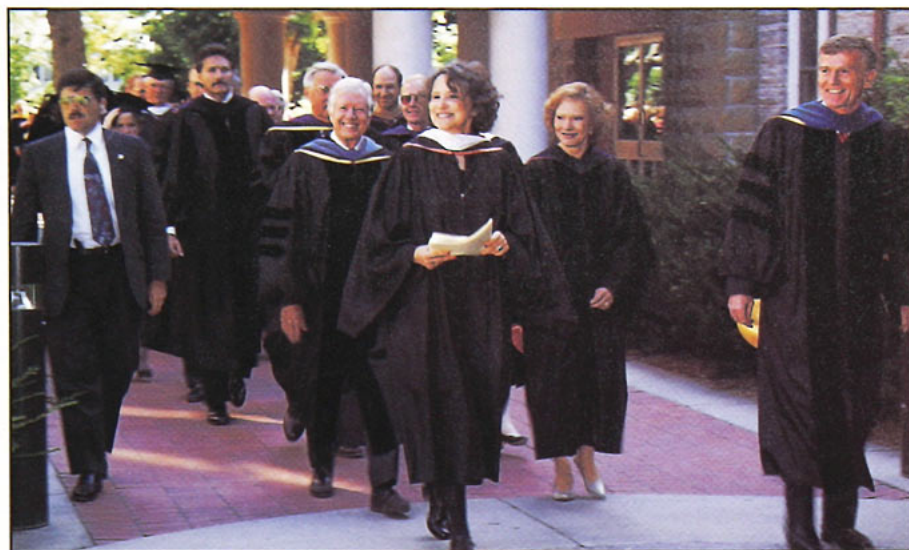
Above: Mondale speaks at a luncheon attended by students, faculty, staff and trustees in the Student Union's Cochran Lounge, where he and Joan Adams Mondale '52, now a Macalester trustee, were married in 1955. At left, accompanied by Joan and Professor Rosenberg, the former vice president discusses foreign policy with students in Rosenberg's class on U.S. foreign relations in the 20th century.

*'It was more than a homecoming for Walter Mondale. Today's events represent a reassessment of two longtime world leaders.... As much as anything else, the rise and fall and rise again of Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale are unusual in American politics.'*

— WCCO-TV reporter Pat Kessler '79, in his evening news report from Macalester on Sept. 10



President Gavin, right, and Barbara Bauer Armajani '63, chair of Macalester's Board of Trustees, lead the procession through the library plaza to the outdoor convocation, followed by Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter and the Mondales. Opposite page: Carter shares a humorous moment with his audience of 3,000 on the lawn in front of Old Main.



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history class that morning, the member of Macalester's Class of 1950 surveyed 30 students from the 1990s and sought to put them at ease with a verbal wink: "Kind of a scroungy-looking lot, I'd say." Answering a student's question about Ronald Reagan's "Star Wars" proposal, Mondale scornfully called it "typical Reagan Hollywood stuff," adding:

we were married in this room. The reason was that in those days we had required chapel and they used to take attendance. And regrettably, I broke all the absentee records . . . I was called in by the dean. I said, 'Well, maybe if I marry the chaplain's daughter, they'll forgive me.' So I did, and it sort of worked." At the afternoon convo-

cation, he struck the right note of Minnesota informality when he urged Macalester students to study Japanese culture and language, then come visit him in Tokyo: "We'll give you an inside deal."

Carter's mere presence at Macalester showed how close the two men have remained, a dozen years after they left the White House. But Carter, now 69, put their relationship into words, too. It wasn't just that Mondale, three years his junior, was the first vice president to have an office in the White House. "Fritz and I are more like brothers than we are like politicians who happened to be

thrown together at a crucial time in our lives," Carter told reporters. He later elaborated: "I never had a meeting with any leader on earth from which Fritz Mondale was excluded. I never received a briefing on the most sensitive issues that faced our nation or the rest of the world in

which Fritz Mondale did not participate. I never faced a difficult decision without first consulting with my partner, Fritz Mondale."

He singled out Mondale's strong stand in the late 1970s for "one person, one vote" in South Africa, and his support of Carter's initiative with Egypt and Israel. "The end of apartheid in South

Africa, peace in the Middle East are just two of the things in which Fritz Mondale was intimately involved," Carter said.

Some students had the chance to question Mondale. At Professor Rosenberg's class on U.S. foreign relations in the 20th century, Mondale spent 45 minutes discussing the legacy of the

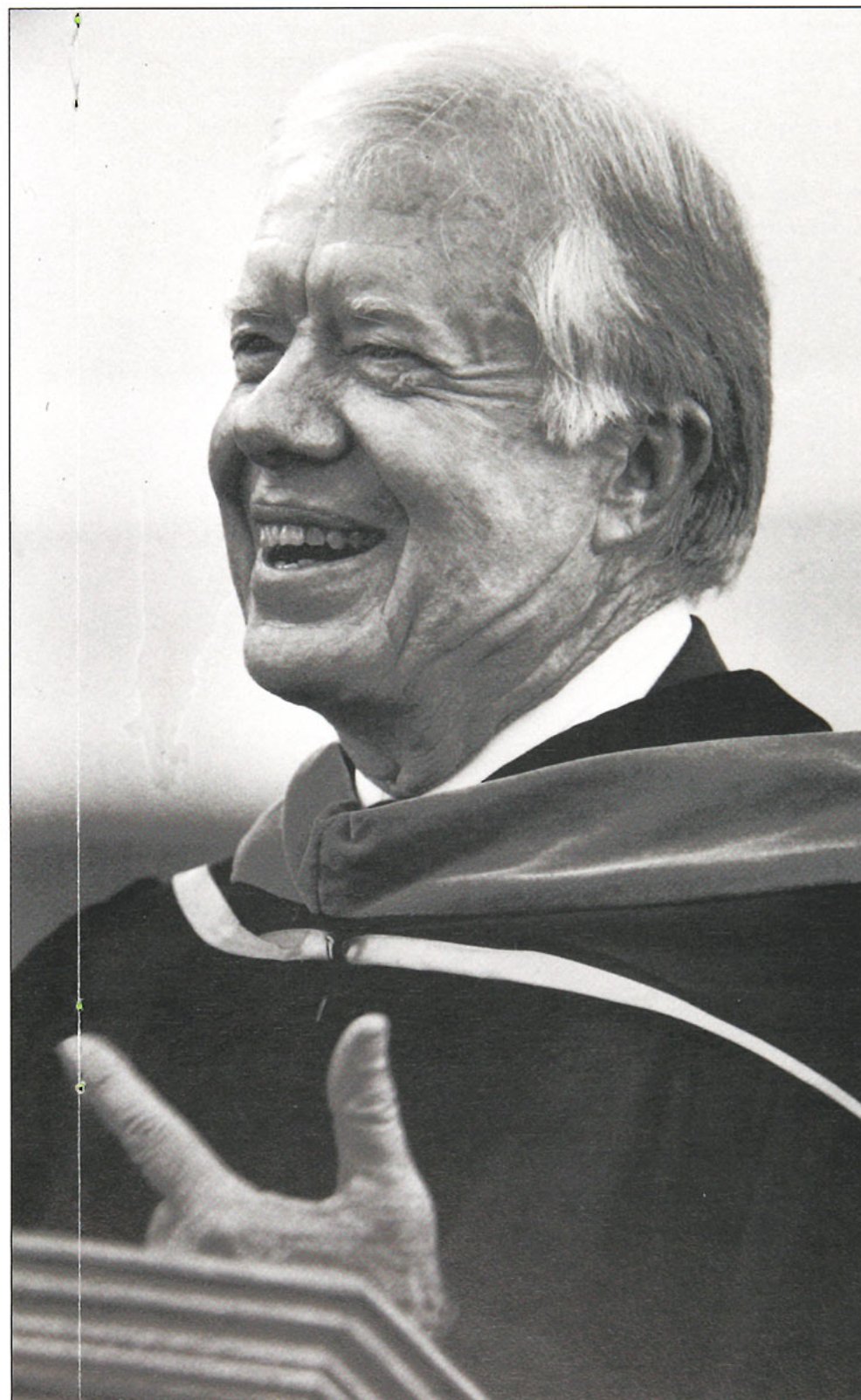
Carter-Mondale administration. Mondale "didn't necessarily get around to answering all the questions directly," Mark Laskowski '94 (Rochester, N.Y.) said afterward. "But he made other

*'Someone said that the problem with Christianity is that it's never been tried. Well, the Carters are trying, and I believe that we all see that it works.'*

— Mondale, commenting on Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter's numerous current projects

points which were equally insightful, which brought up other questions, which were worth speaking about also. So I was impressed."

Fred Carroll '95 (Pittsburg, Calif.), president of the Community Council, served as moderator of the question-answer session at the luncheon for Mondale. He praised both Carter



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Joanna Kepka '95, an international student from Poland, reads a prayer for peace in Polish near the end of the convocation. Students from five other countries read the same prayer in one of the languages of their home countries. They are (from left): Seth Halvorson '96 of the U.S., Kumiko Ogoshi '95 of Japan, Lunga Bengu '94 of South Africa, Ansu John '95 of India and (not shown) Gabriela Valdivia '96 of Peru.



and Mondale for their candor at the convocation. "I was also particularly happy that the Mondales were so open and amiable at the luncheon and afterwards. They were completely accessible to students instead of just running off behind the Secret Service. I was glad that they could not only come to campus but interact with students in such a positive fashion."

At the convocation which concluded the campus events, Carter provoked the biggest laugh of the day with a deft recovery from his own verbal slip. Calling both the Mondales "graduates" of Macalester — only Joan Mondale '52 earned a degree from Macalester — he amended himself to say they were "at least *alumni* of a wonderful college." As his listeners laughed, Carter then brought down the house by ad-libbing: "Fritz said he would have graduated from Macalester, but the tuition was too high. He told me he went here for two years and the total cost per year was \$400, and he

just couldn't afford it. I don't know if it's increased any since then . . ."

Carter said Mondale, as ambassador to Japan, was assuming "the single most important diplomatic post on earth. The relationship between the United States of America and Japan is the most impor-

tant of all . . . and it requires statesmanship and sensitivity."

In his concluding remarks, Mondale turned to a theme that had a special resonance in a Macalester setting. Recalling that the college was flying the United Nations flag when he arrived on campus in the fall of 1946, and invoking the international outlook of such legendary Macalester figures as Charles Turck, Ted Mitau, Yahya Armajani and

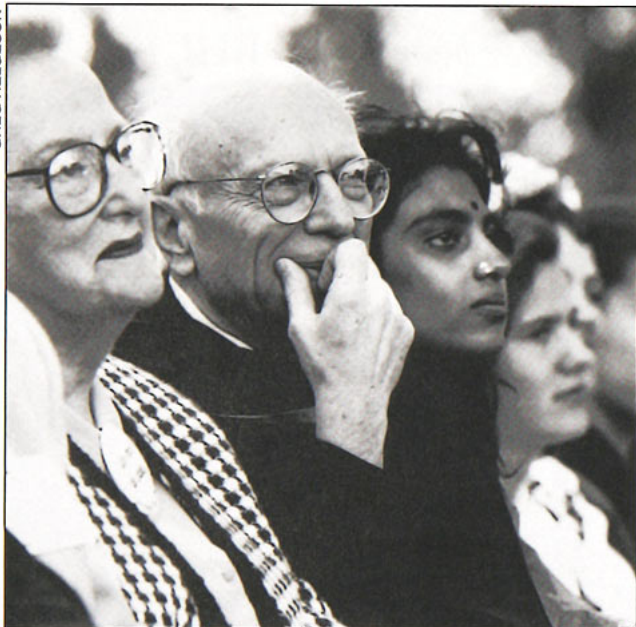
Huntley Dupre, he stressed the need to move beyond nationality and embrace a common humanity.

"[If] we're to have any hope of understanding one another and working together, education is crucial," he said. "Unfortunately, there is an opposing ideology that has gained way too much ground in recent years. It seeks to separate people rather than bring them together. It argues that people of the same race, the same ethnicity, the same religion — pick almost any characteristic you want — stand alone, and that everyone else is to be excluded. It is being argued that nobody can ever possibly have any hope of understanding persons outside their own group."

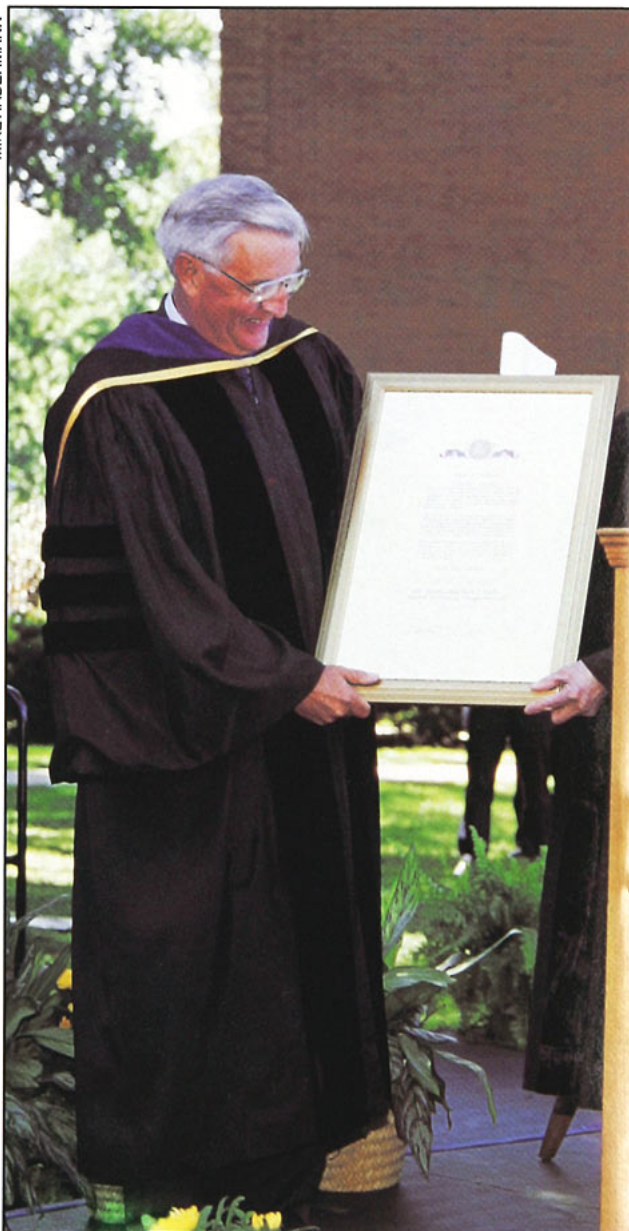
"At a fundamental level, this view denies the very possibility of education. It assumes that we

Among those listening at the convocation are (from left) Laeh Raskas; her husband, Rabbi Bernard Raskas, a distinguished visiting professor in religious studies at Macalester, who gave the opening prayer; Ansu John '95 of India; Gabriela Valdivia '96 of Peru; and other international students. At right, Carter and Armajani applaud as Walter and Joan Mondale hold the award he received from the trustees.

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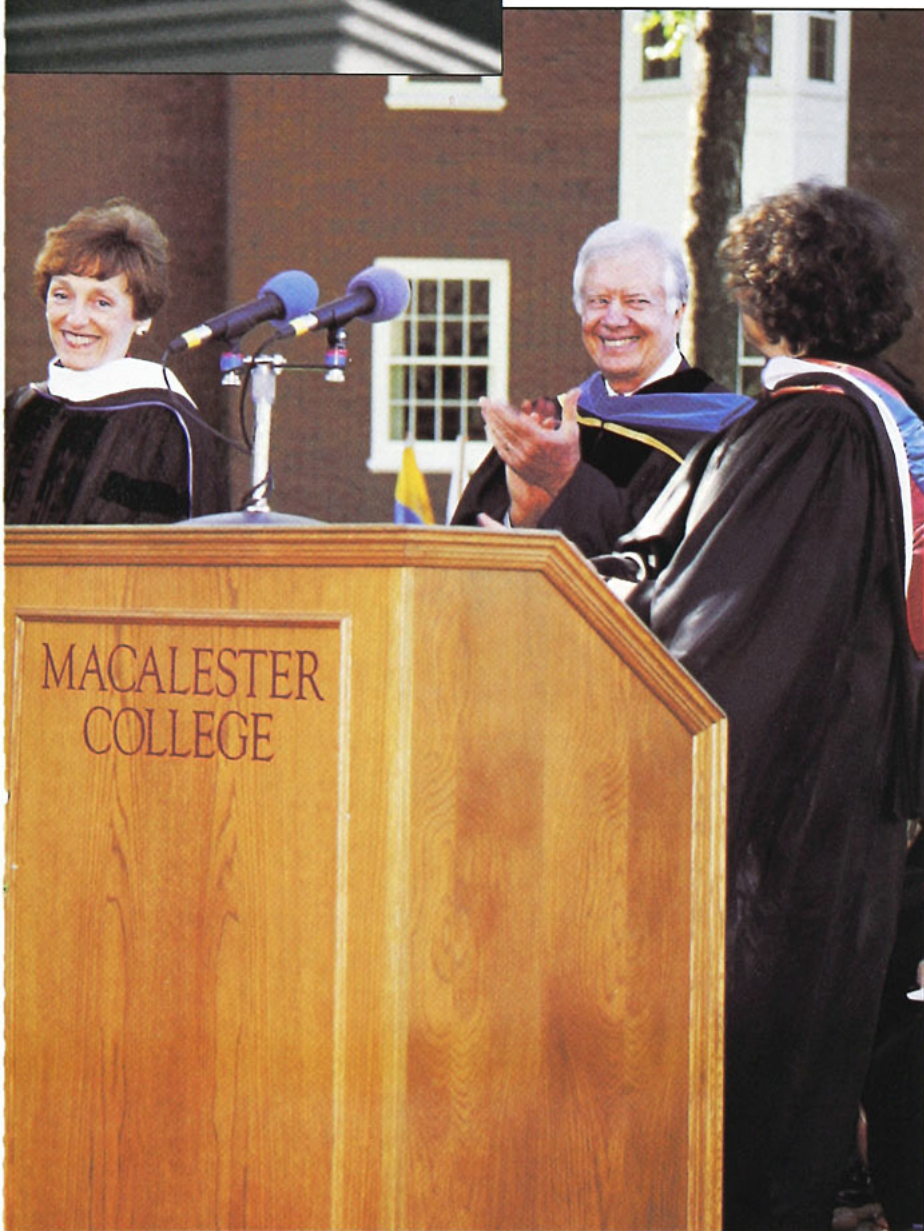
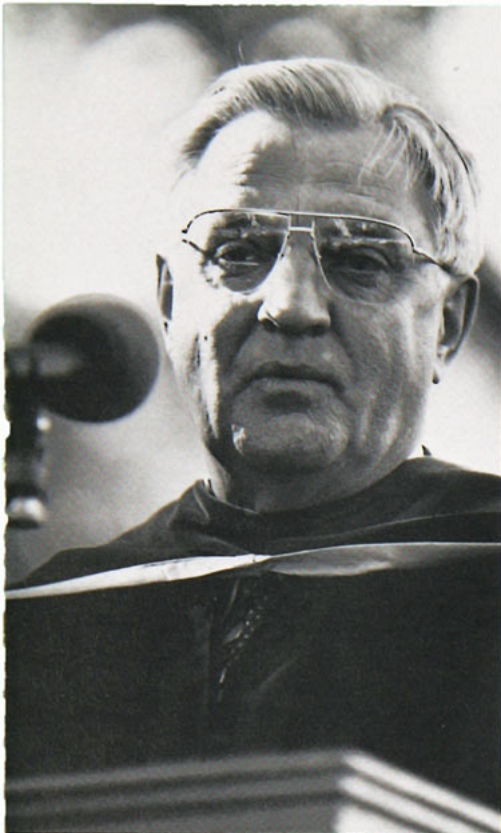
*honor your dedication to public service and your work in proposing caring and compassionate solutions to the issues that have challenged our political leaders over the past four decades. You have served with distinction as a representative of the people, negotiator between opposing political forces, counselor and teacher, international statesman and progressive agent for change.*

*As a member of the United States Senate, you played a key role in the passage of many major pieces of social legislation. You redefined*

*the office of the Vice President, establishing new and previously unmatched standards for involvement and participation in your administration. Your campaign for the Presidency in 1984 is remembered for its frankness and refusal to offer oversimplified answers.*

*You personify Macalester's belief that an emphasis on life-long scholarship and academic pursuit, internationalism and diversity can greatly serve our society. We are confident that, as Ambassador to Japan, you will continue to inspire the people of the United States, as well as those of Japan.'*

— words of the Board  
of Trustees Award  
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cannot learn from one another. It denies what is most human in all of us — the gift for sympathy, for understanding, for imagination, for striving to live in peace and harmony with other fellow human beings, and, above all, the need and desire and capacity to learn from one another. And it entirely forfeits the joy which flows from discovering

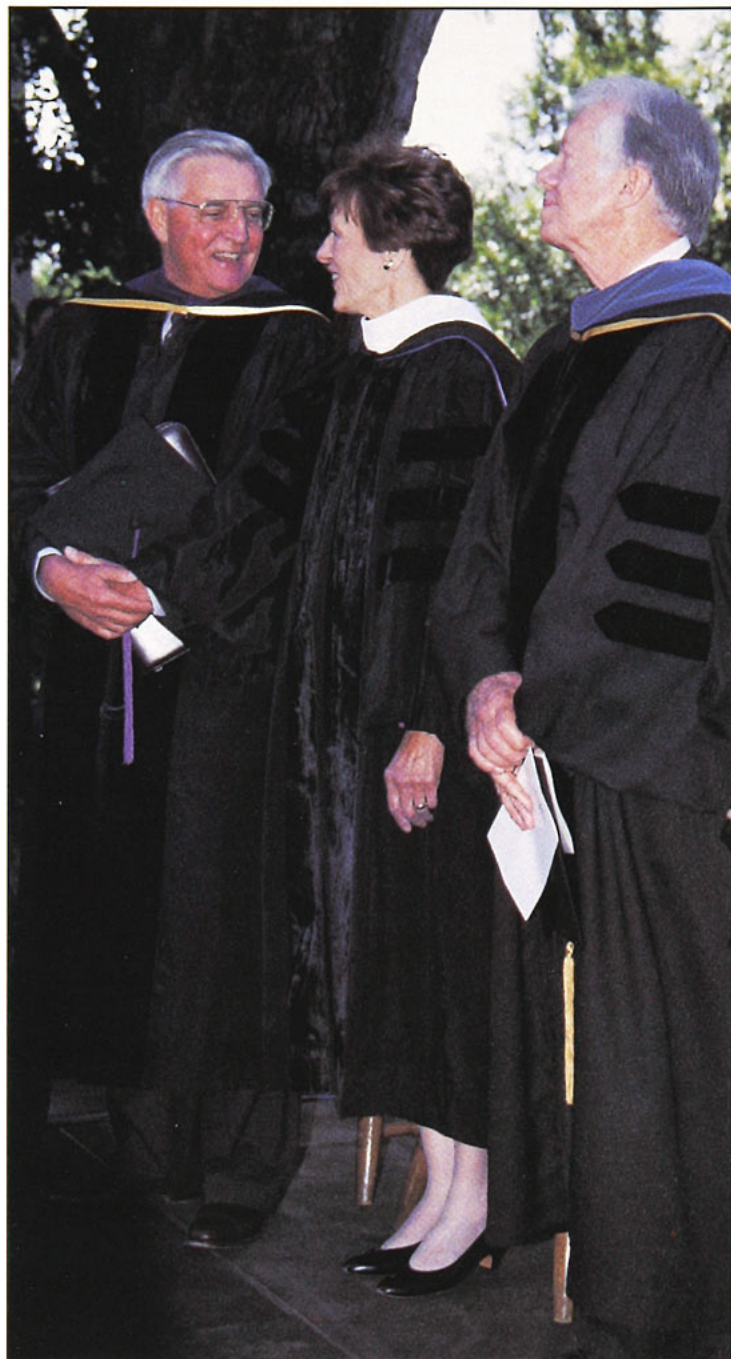
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Carter has a word with two of the guests — Whitney MacMillan, chairman and chief executive officer of Cargill Inc., and his wife, Betty — before a dinner honoring the Mondales. At right, Walter and Joan exchange a word at the convocation.

that common humanity which is to be found in all of us.

"... in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, we see ancient historical disputes flaring anew. As someone said, 'We've seen the future and it's 1914.' This region should be enjoying freedom. Instead, it's embroiled in hatred, bloodshed and disarray. You can blame history if you want — and there's plenty of it. But the fact is that people make history, and it's time to undo the tragedy and the heartache that flows from this bigoted concept of the inability of people to find common ground. How much more hopeful are the efforts to reach across the abyss of hatred and bitterness, across the tragedy of histories to that quest for peace that can only flow from an awareness of our common humanity . . ."



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## Video available

A 30-MINUTE VIDEOTAPE OF WALTER Mondale's Sept. 10 visit to campus, including footage of the Mondale-Carter convocation and the day's highlights, is available free of charge. You may also order both an audiotape and a transcript of the convocation. For any or all three of these, please send a postcard with your name, address, phone number and specific request to: Media Services, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105-1899. Allow three weeks for delivery. The videotape supply is limited to 500.



# Libraries *of* Congress: Books Meet Computers in the Age of Technology

by Joel Clemmer

CONTRARY TO WHAT YOU MAY HAVE READ — even in a book — computers will not replace books in the foreseeable future. Whether you regard books as just packages of information or as almost holy objects, the “codex” format — the book as we know it — is still the most convenient package for extended text (it’s often used by computer manufacturers for their manuals). Books are still the coin of the realm in academia, a measure of both prestige and accomplishment. Values lag behind technological possibilities.

Far from creating the predicted “paperless office,” the computer has generated even more paper. Truman Schwartz, a professor of chemistry at Macalester, has walked around the campus and noticed piles of paper coming out of the computers that are supposed to replace books. These computer printouts are proliferating so rapidly that they are becoming hard to manage. As Truman sees it, eventually somebody will take these accordion-like printouts, stack them, stitch them on one edge, put hard covers on them and stand them up along one edge so you can put them on a shelf. They will be called “bound output of knowledge” — “books” for short.

There is a growing irony in that the writers of books and articles — including the faculty at Macalester — increasingly use electronic means (personal computers, floppy disks) to create a manuscript. Often, the writers send the resulting computerized document (and accompanying paper manuscript) to a publisher, which in turn transfers the document to print on paper and then sells this paper product back to the colleges where the book or article was originally computerized.

We who work in libraries have to wonder if an alternate system could be developed in cooperation with the publishing community. One can imagine a library computer system in which the information — a book chapter, an article or whatever the package happens to be — is immediately accessible to the

user on a computer screen or a printer but is in a “virtual” library as opposed to a real, bricks-and-mortar, local library. There are major legal (copyright), technical and cultural issues implicit in this vision. That is why the library is cosponsoring the college’s 1993–94 Wallace Distinguished Visitors Program, entitled “Culture, Information and Technology.”

Like the book, the print journal remains important to libraries, but is subject to even greater economic and technological strain. The prices of scholarly journals have risen 109 percent since 1984 (compared with 77 percent for health care, 45 percent for books and 37 percent for food, for example). Publishers attribute such inflation to the increasing cost of paper, restrictions on the kind of ink they can use and so on. Knowledge is expanding, too, requiring more titles and more pages to cover the knowledge. Macalester’s DeWitt Wallace

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Library now subscribes to 1,360 journals — up from 1,100 in 1986–87 — but that’s still not enough, according to most faculty. And to mention just one journal, what began as simply the *Physics Review* is now the *Physics Review* in five parts, with each issue of each part amounting to the size of a book.

Few library budgets can keep up, and some academic departments at Macalester cannot purchase all the books they want after paying for journal



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subscriptions. One sign of the strain is interlibrary borrowing, which has tripled at Macalester since 1986-87. Such borrowing will eventually be done by scanning and sending printed articles electronically (there's that irony again).

At Macalester, our progress toward full utilization of electronic tools was given a real boost in the mid-1980s. At that time, the six other Twin Cities colleges and universities which are part of CLIC (Cooperating Libraries in Consortium) responded to a proposal by President Gavin and the president of the CLIC board to implement a computerized library catalog, replacing our traditional card catalogs. This joint catalog lists the holdings at all seven libraries — now about 1.75 million books. Macalester alumni can dial into the library catalog (but we prefer that you work through your local library to borrow material).

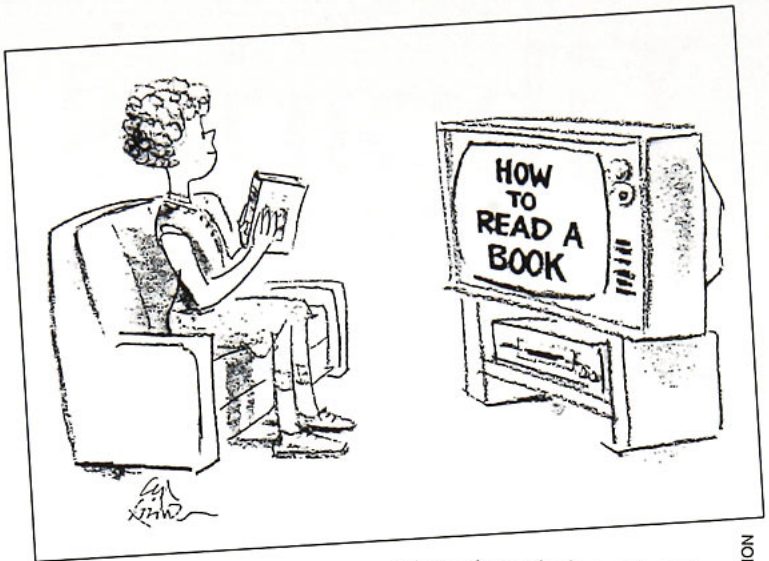
If you look around the first floor of the DeWitt Wallace Library, which opened in September 1988, you see computers everywhere. We continue to work at taking advantage of this powerful tool. But we in the library are trying to make information

services — such as the computerized catalog — pedagogically useful. We don't want the information-thirsty library user to try to "drink from a firehose," as the phrase goes. We have the ability to give the user so much information that it's simply overwhelming.

Thus, libraries are facing new questions. We no longer ask only how we can get our hands on the most information to give the user, but rather, how much does the user want to know?

When does he or she need to know it? And how should it be delivered?

Our experience with the joint catalog shows that it's not particularly useful to give every library location for every item right off the bat, because some people would routinely bypass our shelves at Macalester and go off to St. Thomas or Hamline. In one way, that's good, since it helps users learn what information is available at other Twin Cities institutions. But in another way it's worrisome, because we make a real effort to maintain a good collection of titles at Macalester that are needed repeatedly by users in our increasingly rigorous curriculum. We want library users to consider what's available



at Macalester before going to another library for what might be an expensive or time-consuming transaction. When we upgraded the CLICnet catalog earlier this year, we set it up so that users look at Macalester holdings first. Then they have the option of going on to the other libraries.

We have also learned that introducing new information technologies in the library is not entirely like automating an assembly line. Where processing of repetitive transactions is the issue, we can often save time. Where working with the library user or developing new systems is the issue, new technologies add power but do not save time. For example, we recently added another reference librarian because of the increasing need to guide students through these complicated strategies. Successful change requires not just investment in computers but also in people.

Some users wonder about the future of books and libraries. Our job is not limited to housing books. Rather, our purpose is to connect Macalester students and faculty with the scholarly information they need. That challenging task will remain constant, regardless of the format. ●

CLICnet, a computerized library catalog, lists the holdings of Macalester and six other cooperating libraries in the Twin Cities — about 1.75 million books.



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## DeWitt Wallace Library

- Books cataloged: 300,000 (plus 40,000 bound periodicals)
- Microforms and other formats: 60,000 (microfiche, films, videotapes, sound recordings, maps)
- Periodical subscriptions: 1,360
- Annual operating budget: \$1.3 million (including salaries and benefits)
- Staff: 16 permanent; 90 student employees
- Interlibrary loan transactions: 14,000 a year
- Reference questions: 16,000 a year
- Circulation transactions: 85,000 a year



# Fifty-two years after his debut, the first bagpiper pipes up

by Rebecca Ganzel and Kerry Sarnoski

Here are glimpses of Macalester in years past:

Bagpipes make an unforgettable sound at Macalester's commencements and other college ceremonies. But does anyone remember who was the first student to serve as an official piper at Macalester?

It may well have been William Knowles '48. As a freshman in 1941, he was asked by the college to pipe for the annual Founders' Day program. Founders' Day was inaugurated in 1938 as a way to honor former Macalester President James Wallace and simultaneously recognize the college's Scottish roots. It was held each year on Wallace's birthday and featured a cake large enough to serve 400 people.

A photograph in the March 20, 1941, *Mac Weekly* shows Knowles wearing his kilts and playing the bagpipes.

"I played a few other times, for Homecoming and other events," Knowles recalled recently. "I had never heard of any other student playing the bagpipes. I knew President Turck, Dr. [Edwin] Kagin and some other old-timers, and I think they would have told me [if there had been an earlier student piper].... They had had pipes at Founders' Day prior to that because the gentleman who taught me how to play had played at Founders' Day. But he wasn't a student. He just happened to be a bagpiper who lived in St. Paul."

Although he grew up in St. Paul, Knowles was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. "My parents took me to Scotland when I was 15, and hearing the pipe bands in a parade for the king and queen of Britain inspired me. When I came back, I took [bagpipe] lessons."

Knowles' college education was interrupted by three years of Army service during World War II. He returned to graduate with the Class of '48. It wasn't until 1950 that the college launched a student bagpipe band.

Knowles, a retired YMCA director, and his wife, Marjorie Thomas Knowles '47, live in Jefferson City, Mo. They returned to Macalester last June for Reunion Weekend. And, oh yes, he donned his kilts and played the bagpipes again at the Class of '48 banquet.

## • Segregated theaters

In February 1961, 65 Macalester students demonstrated against two movie theaters



This photograph of William Knowles '48 appeared in the March 20, 1941, *Mac Weekly*.

in downtown St. Paul to protest the parent company's segregation of customers in the South.

The students formed moving picket lines in front of the Paramount and Riviera, carrying signs with such messages as, "We Protest ABC Paramount's Jim Crow Theaters in the South," "Think Again Before You Go In" and "Boycott for Integration." They had no direct complaint against either local theater, which did not practice segregation.

The demonstration occurred simultaneously with other student demonstrations against the ABC Paramount chain in Kansas City, Chapel Hill, Austin, San Antonio, Boston, Chicago and other cities.

The *Mac Weekly* supported the students in a subsequent editorial, which concluded: "Macalester College appears to be emerging from charges of apathy with public evidence of student concern."

## • House for all seasons

"Mac Receives Joy Complex as Prexy's Home is Started," declared the headline in the Nov. 17, 1926, *Mac Weekly*.

The story enthusiastically described the new house being built at the corner of

Macalester and Summit avenues: "This will be the real college house, the lack of which has always been lamented on the part [of] the Achesons and the students."

The reference was to John Carey Acheson, president of Macalester from 1924 to 1937.

Acheson and his family were to live on the second floor, with the first floor intended as a reception area for up to 500 people, the basement given over to a "community room... beautifully furnished... for the use of students in various school social events," and the third floor accommodating two maids' rooms. Funds for the house (the amount wasn't disclosed) were provided by trustee George D. Dayton and his wife.

The Georgian brick building served as the home of Macalester's presidents from 1927, the year it was finished, until the 1980s. It is now the Hugh S. Alexander Alumni House, named after the late professor of geology who first proposed the Alumni House. It is available year-round as the college's official guest facility for returning alumni and other college visitors.

Alumni House has four guest rooms (three with private baths and one with shared bath) as well as reception and meeting rooms. Rates, which include a continental breakfast, range from \$35 to \$50 for a single, \$45 to \$60 for a double, and \$65 to \$70 for a triple. For more information, call (612) 696-6677.

## • Life during wartime

If 1944 had been an ordinary year, Gordon West '38, six years out of college, might have been tracking his way up the corporate ladder.

Instead, reported the *Mac Weekly*, Lieutenant West was commanding a tank platoon that, in a series of sorties south of Rome, killed 125 Germans in two days. His efforts helped increase the area controlled by the Allies "to 85 square miles."

A separate article in the same February issue listed Robert Jenckes, who had enlisted after his freshman year in 1937, as missing in action. Jenckes, a St. Paul native, was machinist mate first class aboard the submarine *Pompano*, which had been missing for three months. ●

Rebecca Ganzel is a St. Paul free-lance writer. Kerry Sarnoski is publications editor at Macalester.



## Calendar of events

Here are some of the events scheduled for alumni, parents, family and friends. More events are being added all the time. For more information on any of the following, call the Alumni Office, (612) 696-6295, except where noted. You may also call the campus events line, (612) 696-6900:

*Macalester Galleries, Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center:* retrospective of works by Minnesota artist Phyllis Wiener, now through Nov. 21; Russian Wooden Architecture, Dec. 3–Jan. 12; Black Dog: Recent Images by Donald Palmgren, Jan. 21–Feb. 13; Jay Moon: Printmaker, Draftsman, Poet, opens Feb. 18

Nov. 12–14 and 18–20: "Reifuku (Ceremonial Clothes)," drama about Japanese family by Matsuyo Akimoto, Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center (612-696-6359)

Nov. 16: all-ages social hour (6–8 p.m.) for Washington, D.C., alumni at Brickseller, 1523 22nd St. NW (202-546-0218)

Nov. 17: Alumni event in Tucson, Ariz. (602-625-6168)

Nov. 19: Mac Jazz, contemporary and classical big band jazz, 8 p.m. (696-6382)

Nov. 20: Macalester Symphonic Band, 3 p.m. (696-6382)

Nov. 20–21: Macalester Festival Chorale, 8 p.m. Nov. 20 and 3 p.m. Nov. 21 (696-6520)

Dec. 1: Writer Robert Coover, "Hypertext: A New Medium for Fiction," 8 p.m., Weyerhaeuser Chapel, Wallace Distinguished Visitors Program

Dec. 2: Twin Cities Leading Edge event, "Six Degrees of Separation," Mixed Blood Theater in Minneapolis

Dec. 2–4: Macalester Dance Ensemble, fall concert, 8 p.m. (696-6520)

Dec. 3: Macalester Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. (696-6382)



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## A good weekend for leadership

The new lounge in Old Main was the setting for a reception during Macalester's annual Leadership Conference, Sept. 17–19. Above: Lisa Bramlet, an assistant director in the Admissions Office, talks with David Senness '70, center, of Golden Valley, Minn., a member of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors, and James Migdal '86 of Charlotte, N.C., an alumni admissions coordinator. Below: Durjoy Mazumdar '86, an alumni board member from Minneapolis, and Kathleen Field James '63, right, of Little Rock, Ark., an admissions volunteer, listen to Jean Anderson Probst '49 of St. Paul, a retired Macalester math instructor and a member of her class reunion committee, in Cochran Lounge. The Leadership Conference is a time for class agents, reunion committees, M Club directors and many other alumni volunteers to get an update on the college and make plans for the coming year.

Dec. 3–4: Macalester Concert Choir's 17th Annual Festive Evenings, 8 p.m., Cochran Lounge (696-6520)

Dec. 4: African Music Ensemble, 8 p.m. (696-6382)

Dec. 5: St. Paul Civic Symphony, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. (696-6382)

Dec. 10: Flying Fingers, American folk and traditional music, 8 p.m. (696-6382)

Dec. 11: Highland Dancers & Friends, 8 p.m. (696-6382)



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Dec. 14: all-ages social hour for Washington, D.C., alumni, 6–8 p.m., Lu Lu's, 2119 M St. NW (202-546-0218)

Dec. 14: The Sirens and Traditions, Macalester men's and women's a cappella vocal ensembles, 8 p.m. (696-6382)



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## Sounds of Sommerfest

It was "Macalester night" July 29 at the Minnesota Orchestra's Viennese Sommerfest in Minneapolis. Alumni and friends met in the Green Room at Orchestra Hall for conversation and refreshments, then enjoyed an evening of Brahms. Among those in attendance were Peg Flanagan '78, far left, who works at the Minnesota Orchestral Association, and Donald Kuster '65 and Vicky Yarger Kuster '64 of Burnsville, Minn.

Feb. 5: Great Scots event, "The Body-Mind Connection," with Ruth Stricker Dayton '57, health and wellness expert

Feb. 12: Winter Sports Day, Macalester Field House

Feb. 25-27: Winter weekend for alumni, families and friends, Red Hill Inn, Centre Harbor, N.H. (call 617-236-4628 nights and weekends)

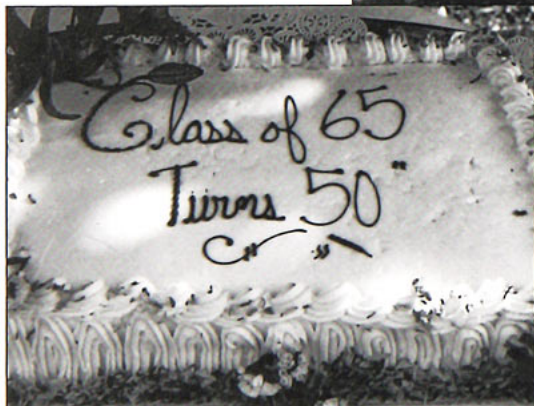
April 16: Great Scots event, "Global Awareness," with geography Professor David Lanegran '64

May 7: Scottish Country Fair

June 3-5: Reunion Weekend



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## Happy birthday to us

Members of the Class of 1965 enjoyed a group 50th birthday party on Aug. 7. They held it outdoors at Macalester's Library Plaza — the same place as their 25th reunion dinner. In all, 31 people — most of them classmates — turned out for the dinner. "The weather was perfect, the food delicious and the company superior!" class agent Ruth Milanese Lippin of Minneapolis wrote in a newsletter to classmates. The group is already working on its 30th reunion in 1995.



# Steve Cox '76 steps forward for the college and its athletes

by Kevin Brooks '89

"When I was a student at Macalester, we didn't have an M Club," says Steve Cox '76. "You might have an occasional faculty member come to a soccer game, but that was about it."

Things are different now. Cox, the new president of the M Club, is eager to build upon the work of his predecessor, Doyle Larson '52, who helped make the M Club a significant part of the athletic program at Macalester. The M Club board, of which Cox has been a member since 1986, organizes fund-raising events, helps with recruiting, honors current and former athletes, and functions as an advocacy group on athletic issues.

"I personally see the M Club as one part of the puzzle that can help a program move from one status level to a greater status level," says Cox, who teaches social studies and coordinates an enrichment program at Washington Junior High School in St. Paul. He also coaches soccer at Como Park Senior High School.

As a student at Macalester — he majored in history with a core concentration in philosophy and English — Cox says he saw the Athletic Department existing apart from campus life in general.

"In any college experience, whether you're talking about a state school or a school like Macalester, there is so much that goes into the campus environment. If athletics is a part of the college program, let's make it an integral part of what happens on campus."

Cox is an enthusiastic supporter of all athletic endeavors at Macalester, but he is particularly fond of the soccer program. Having been both player and assistant coach at Macalester, Cox revels in the success of that program under head coach John Leaney.

He still remembers the day during orientation week when the men's soccer coach invited him to try out for the team — the varsity team. "It was a season to build character," he says with a laugh. "Despite the poor record, there were friendships made that first week of soccer that I still have today. I think that's an important aspect of athletics at a school the size of Macalester."

Cox played varsity soccer for four years. He broke his leg in the final game of his final season. The full-length cast kept him from participating in athletics that winter. That spring he made plans to leave on

what was to become a 22-month adventure overseas. He studied in Nepal, worked for a year in a Norwegian kitchen furniture factory, traveled through Europe and eventually made his way to Israel, where he worked on a kibbutz.

While overseas, Cox kept in touch with his adviser, Jerry Fisher '59, who encouraged him to return to Macalester and get involved with the Twin Cities Institute for Talented Youth. He did, and has been with the institute every summer. Cox is now its coordinator for special events and recreation.

College athletes are very different now, he says. "[In 1972] the sole question I may have asked would have been about my chances for making the team . . . Now I would go to a coach and expect him to have answers to questions about athletics,

academics, campus climate, opportunities after Macalester, etc."

Coaching has also progressed. "They're not just looking at the athlete. They're looking at the student and the human being who is in a college experience and preparing for that next chapter in their lives. It's such a healthy approach, not only in addressing the needs of a college student, but addressing the needs of a college athlete. I see it throughout the Athletic Department, from [Athletic Director] Ken Andrews' office to the trainers."

Cox is grateful to Macalester for all he received, and he feels good about giving something back as M Club president. "Macalester said, 'Here's an open door to the world. Where do you want to go and how can we help you get there?'" ●

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Steve Cox '76 at Como Park Senior High School in St. Paul, where he coaches soccer. "What's remarkable about Steve is the breadth of his activity on behalf of Macalester," says Macalester Athletic Director Ken Andrews. "He's approaching 20 years of active involvement in everything from the academic program to coaching, the M Club, fund raising and recruiting."

JIM HANSEN



## Macalester Alumni and Friends Career Resource Network

The Macalester Career Development Center, with the support of the Alumni Association, invites alumni to become part of the Macalester College Alumni Career Information Resource Network.

This network consists of Macalester alumni who volunteer to share information with students and other alumni about their careers, place of employment, professional organizations, graduate and professional schools, and community information.

Twin City area and international alumni have already been sent survey forms. If you have received one, we encourage you to send it back in!

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### CAREER INFORMATION

I would be interested in speaking to students or alumni on my career choice or careers in my field:  
☐ on the phone ☐ in person ☐ on a panel or to a small group

I would be willing to be involved with students in the classroom or other programs/workshop presentations as a: ☐ discussion leader ☐ guest speaker on special topic area \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to have students or alumni visit my place of business for:

☐ a one-day "shadow" program ☐ a one-week "extern" (observation) ☐ a January intersession project ☐ a semester internship

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(for alumni outside the Twin Cities)

I would be glad to welcome Macalester newcomers to the community and share information about the area (short-term housing ideas, area publications, churches, synagogues, etc.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

I would be interested in meeting with Macalester students, faculty, staff or alumni who are visiting my city/country:  
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# Who's in charge in '93? Three answers from the Class of '73

For the Class of 1973's 20th reunion dinner last June at Macalester, three classmates were invited to speak on the topic, "From Questioning Authority to Becoming Authority." Here are excerpts from their remarks:



Judy Woods '73

Judy L. Woods '73 is an attorney for corporate and other business clients in Indianapolis, Ind. A partner in McTurnan & Turner, she is also handling the appeal of boxer Mike Tyson's rape conviction. She is married to John Koppitch '73, pastor of an inner-city church in Indianapolis.

OUR GENERATION WAS AND IS DIFFERENT. We challenged the fundamental foundations of authority. We challenged the decision-makers. Who were they? What right did they have to choose for us?

In the midst of today's racism, militarism, sexism, poverty and decay, the greatest challenge is not to succumb to our own personal cynicisms and self-interest, but to make choices that reflect the values of diversity and inclusiveness, consensus-

building and community that we learned at Macalester. It is our turn, and now we have both the authority and the responsibility to change.

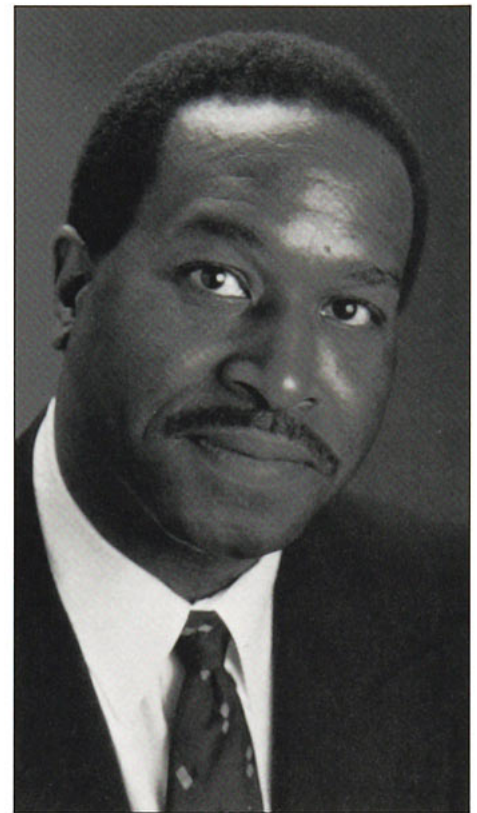
It is harder to bring moral and ethical values into the interstices of daily life than it is to bring them into the streets. It is harder to choose a school for your child than it was to rail against poor education in the inner city. It is harder to tell an

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important client on whose business you depend that you will not tolerate racist jokes than it was to sign fair housing petitions. It is harder to leave an infant in day care and go to work every day than it was to march in Washington, D.C., for equal pay for equal work. It is harder to put a parent in a nursing home than it is to debate health care policy. It is harder to face a spouse's drinking problem than it was to pass a joint around a dorm room. It is harder to recycle than to put a "Save the Whales" bumper sticker on your car. It is harder than almost anything to raise a child who is not sexist or racist because it is harder to live your values than to voice them. It is hardest of all to recognize that what you live, the way you live, is a public announcement of what you value for all to see every day.

As we move into positions of authority, we have the responsibility to make choices that extend beyond self-interest. We must make choices that reflect the core values of community and caring. To do this, we need diversity at the decision-making tables. Not because it is politically correct to have a woman, an African-American, an Hispanic and a disabled person in every group, but because diversity among the decision-makers is the best safeguard we have to ensure that our choices are not narrowed by the same corporate/political/



Lester Collins '73

power elite against whom we rebelled 20 years ago.

Growth, not conformity; community, not special interests; valuing personal relationships over personal success — these will bring us through the next 20 years and leave a legacy for our children worthy of respect.

Lester Collins '73 is executive director of the Minnesota Council on Black Minnesotans, a state agency charged to advise the governor and the Legislature on issues affecting the African and African-American population in Minnesota.

I HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD that the struggle for equality would be my life. I came to Macalester from inner-city Philadelphia. I would not have been able to come without a scholarship — an academic scholarship. My dream was to be able to go on to so-called advanced education. I put all my determination into achieving a goal that many of my people in another generation were not able to achieve.

So we probably come from different perspectives when we're talking about



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1. Create a situation in the Campus Center dining hall where there's "visual proximity between students and faculty" while they eat. This gives the studious relationship a break and allows everybody a chance to relax around each other.
2. Give faculty incentives to eat with students — i.e., a conference room in the dining hall with free food but only when used in conjunction with students.
3. Allow faculty and spouses to eat at the facility any time for free.
4. Have a separate endowment for food. This would help pay for faculty dining and support the costs of programming at the facility without entangling the finances of other campus programs.
5. A school needs to have its "own chefs"; food gains meaning if you have an idea who created it. It helps if they know you, too.
6. Have weekly after-meal programs open to the community with speakers and performers at the center. By keeping the events close to meal time, you can utilize the people who are already assembled

and the friendships started at meal time can continue. This is why it's a good idea to keep the eating and meeting facilities near each other; when people have to break up and re-congregate elsewhere, something always gets lost in the move. Keeping meetings open to the public allows students the opportunity to stay on campus and receive outside stimulation rather than abandon campus in search of fun.

Rob Schwartz '88  
Minneapolis

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authority. I prefer to look upon the responsibilities that I have — of stewardship and accountability. While the governor in one sense is my boss, I've never lost sight of the fact there's a God in heaven to whom I report.

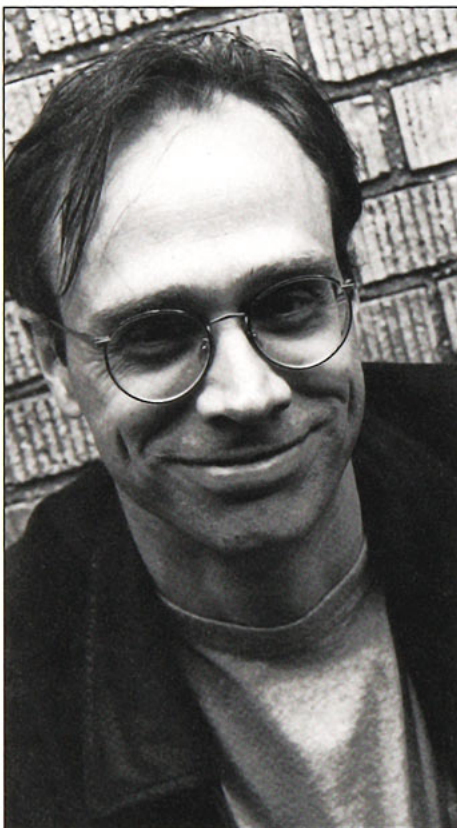
The thing I probably realize most is that there are still people in need, that there are those who don't have the opportunities that we had. I have health coverage. I have a decent-paying job. I receive a fair amount of recognition. I'm still learning, still trying to do the best I can. Mostly I'm trying to be an example to my fellow man.

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— Lester Collins

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I DO NOT FAVOR QUESTIONING AUTHORITY or becoming authority. I favor abolishing authority. Although we enjoy certain freedoms in the United States and practice



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a form of democracy, vast concentrations of wealth have so grossly distorted our politics that voting for president carries little more significance than voting for student council. Whoever you elect, the significant decisions have already been made by those who own the school. Indeed, the sham democracy of high school and college makes excellent training for the sham democracy of "real life."

The corporate press invariably uses the term "anarchy" as a synonym for chaos, so when I explain to people that I am an

anarchist, I have to define my terms. Anarchism means "libertarian socialism." I think that if voting for president is a good idea, it would be a much better idea to

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vote for your boss. And the best idea would be to get rid of the boss entirely and let people make their own decisions.

Everyone who has ever worked for a living knows that a corporation is not a democracy. It is a rigid hierarchy — a system of command and obedience — in which the guy with the most money gets to tell everyone else what to do. Inevitably that guy hoards his money, and we end up with a world that is awash with computers, cars and other commodities that fewer and fewer people can afford because the boss and his peers sent all the decent jobs to Singapore.

Such a system is inherently unstable, causing vast social dislocation and chronic lying as our propagandists struggle to blame the Sixties — that outbreak of actual democracy — for everything. So what we have is chaos. What we need is anarchy. ●





## Flag Waving with a Difference

Macalester's tradition of internationalism impressed Jimmy Carter when the former president came to campus Sept. 10 to honor Walter F. Mondale '50. "It's a thrill to come to a college which, so far as I know, is the only one that has had the American flag and the United Nations flag flying ever since the United Nations was created," Carter told an outdoor convocation. Here, Constantina Pavlou '95 of Cyprus carries a flag in the procession to the convocation in front of Old Main. This fall, 230 international students (including dual citizens and permanent residents) from 83 countries make up 12.5 percent of Macalester's student body.

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